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June 20, 2025

The Honorable Debbie Dingell  
U.S. House of Representatives  
102 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rob Wittman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2055 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Dingell and Wittman:

On behalf of America's recreational fishing, hunting and boating community, along with fish and wildlife professionals, conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts, we write to thank you for introducing the Sport Fish Restoration, Recreational Boating Safety, and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2025 (H.R. 3858) to reauthorize the vital Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund through 2031.

For 75 years, the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act has stood as a global model for collaborative conservation. The excise taxes collected on fishing equipment and motorboat fuel fund critical on-the-water investments that have made the United States a world leader in aquatic resource conservation and recreational access. Since its inception, this program has generated over \$40 billion for fish habitat restoration, boating access sites, hatchery operations, and aquatic education—benefiting natural resources and outdoor recreation opportunities in every state.

As representatives of manufacturers, retailers, state fish and wildlife agencies, anglers, boaters, hunters and conservationists, we are proud to support this time-tested “user pays, public benefits” approach. The programs supported by the Trust Fund have resulted in over 9,000 public access sites, 320 fish hatcheries stocking nearly 1 billion fish annually, and education programs that have introduced more than 850,000 people to fishing.

Your bipartisan leadership in introducing this bill ensures that this legacy of conservation and access will continue to thrive well into the future. We are grateful for your efforts to provide long-term certainty and support for state agencies, tribes, and territories that depend on this funding to deliver fisheries management, boating safety, and habitat projects that benefit millions of Americans.

Thank you again for your leadership and commitment to the future of recreational fishing, boating, and aquatic resource conservation.

Sincerely,

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