

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Harry Reid
Minority Leader
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders McConnell and Reid:

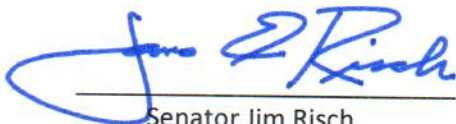
On behalf of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus (CSC), the largest bipartisan caucus in Congress, we are writing to strongly urge the passage of comprehensive sportsmen's legislation before the adjournment of the 114th Congress.

Both the House and Senate have approved sportsmen's packages that include some of the most important priorities for sportsmen and women-conservationists across the country. We introduced the *Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act* (S. 405) and the *Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreational Enhancement (SHARE) Act* (H.R. 2406), which include provisions to expand access to and opportunities for hunting, angling, recreational shooting. These bills also include critically important provisions that promote widely supported fish and wildlife conservation efforts that are necessary to fulfill our nation's commitment to care for public trust natural resources.

Despite strong support in the 112th and 113th Congresses, similar legislation has fallen victim to procedural gridlock in the past. Passing a comprehensive package of sportsmen's priorities in this Congress will avoid a similar scenario and ensure the interests of millions of hunters, anglers, and recreational shooters are protected and advanced now and in the future.

We stand ready and willing to assist you in advancing the sportsmen's provisions that are a part of the conference report negotiations for the Energy Policy Modernization Act and respectfully request that you join us in seeing these longstanding efforts through to completion prior to adjournment of the 114th Congress.

Sincerely,



Senator Jim Risch
CSC Co-Chair



Senator Joe Manchin
CSC Co-Chair



Senator Deb Fischer
CSC Vice-Chair



Senator Heidi Heitkamp
CSC Vice-Chair