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Jeff Crane, President  
The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
110 North Carolina Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Dear Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation:

I am pleased to recognize Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" in the state of Montana. The Big Sky State has a rich and storied tradition of hunting and angling that dates back even before statehood.

In the Big Sky State, sportsmen and women spend around one billion dollars a year on hunting and fishing; this includes equipment, lodging, licensing, outfitting and other related activities. This supports over 16,000 Montana jobs and generates over \$100 million in state and local taxes.

National Hunting and Fishing Day was established in 1972 to celebrate and recognize hunters and anglers for their contributions to fish and wildlife and to our society. Montana's sportsmen and women have always been at the forefront of conservation, understanding that without conservation their beloved recreational activities would not last for future generations.

Thank you for your commitment to the preservation of our hunting and fishing sports and I urge all Montanans to recognize September 26, 2015 as "National Hunting and Fishing Day."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor