Established in 2014, the South Dakota Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus is a member of the National Assembly of Sportsmen’s Caucuses (NASC). Since that time, the Caucus has championed legislation that benefits South Dakota’s sportsmen and women, as well as the Mount Rushmore State’s natural resources. In addition, the Caucus has played a central role in assisting CSF with generating support from the South Dakota Congressional delegation on important federal legislation that benefits our natural resources and our outdoor heritage in South Dakota and across the nation.

The South Dakota Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus remains engaged on issues that affect the nation’s original conservationists by protecting and advancing hunting, angling, recreational shooting, and trapping within the Mount Rushmore State. For more information on the Caucus, visit the Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation’s website at https://congressionalsportsmen.org/state/sd.

Policy Highlights
- Since its inception, the South Dakota Legislative Sportsmen’s Caucus has worked to advance hunting, fishing, trapping, and sports shooting in South Dakota. These efforts range from supporting scholastic shooting programs to habitat funding and public access throughout the Mount Rushmore State.
- 2020 – SB 75 established a habitat stamp to fund ongoing efforts to maintain and expand fish and wildlife habitat in the state.
- 2021 – HB 1034 revised certain youth hunting requirements. The bill states that a fur-bearing license is not required for anyone under the age of 18 and allows anyone under the age of 16 to hunt with a licensed mentor.

Economic Impact and Conservation Funding
- The Mount Rushmore State’s 430,000 hunters and anglers spend $1.04 billion and support 14,780 jobs annually while generating $87 million in state and local taxes.
- In 2020, South Dakota’s sportsmen and women generated $42.46 million through the American System of Conservation Funding to support conservation efforts in the state.