

March 8, 2022

Colorado General Assembly  
Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee  
200 E Colfax  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Member of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

We, the undersigned organizations, write to you on behalf of tens-of-thousands of Colorado hunters, anglers, other conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts to share our collective support of House Bill 22-1072, Habitat Partnership Program Reauthorization.

Sportspersons and landowners alike regard the Habitat Partnership Program (HPP) as one of Colorado Parks and Wildlife's (CPW) most successful programs. The program has been effective in reducing conflicts between landowners and wildlife and provides a mutually beneficial arrangement whereby CPW provides landowners with financial, technical, and material needs to minimize and mitigate impacts from wildlife.

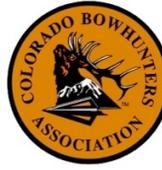
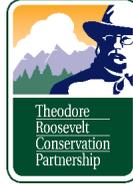
The HPP is supported by local committees comprised of landowners, land management agencies and sportspersons focused on problem solving and addressing management objectives for mule deer, elk, pronghorn, and moose while increasing social tolerance of ungulates on the landscape. In fact, the HPP has been so effective in building partnerships that in fiscal year 2021 alone, of the nearly \$2.78 million expended through HPP, CWP was able to leverage and additional \$6.6 million in cash contributions and \$848,350 of in-kind services including 12,640 hours of donated labor.

In addition to permanently reauthorizing the HPP, HB22-1072 grants CPW the authority to continue setting aside five percent of the total big game license revenues to be used for the HPP Program and clarifies that the Habitat Partnership Council, with the approval of the CPW Director, can allocate funds directly to local committees which will increase efficiency, planning, and the ability to get funding to the boots on-the-ground quickly. The bill also expands the scope of eligibility allowing more rural landowners, who are outside of the current committee districts, the opportunity to participate in HPP and authorizes the CPW Director to appoint members to the Habitat Partnership Council directly and allows for the expenditure of funds to improve private land habitat within big game migration corridors.

HB22-1072 requires no appropriation, therefore it has no fiscal impact to the state budget.

We respectfully request that you vote "Yes" on HB22-1072, in doing so you will continue a highly-valued program for CWP and landowners while conserving habitat for Colorado's native wildlife populations for future generations of sportspeople and other wildlife enthusiasts.

Sincerely,  
Members of the Colorado Wildlife Conservation Project



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