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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
U.S. Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of the PeopleForBikes Coalition, thank you for holding a hearing to advance outdoor interests and support recreation communities across the United States. We'd like to express our support for the following legislation under consideration:

- Outdoors for All Act (S. 3266)
- Parks, Jobs and Equity Act (S. 2258)
- Environmental Justice in Recreation Permitting (S. 1269)
- Recreation not Red Tape Act (S. 1874)
- Outdoor Recreation Act (S. 3266)
- Biking Over Long Distance Trails Act (S. 3264)
- Simplifying Outdoor Access for Recreation Act (S. 1229)

We applaud your bipartisan leadership in advancing policies to build on the success and momentum of the Great American Outdoors Act. We urge you to swiftly move these bills in your committee and would request one amendment to the SOAR Act: eliminate section five (Permit Flexibility) to create parity between bicycles and electric bicycles in recreation permits, which would better align with how people ride various types of bikes at the same time. This change will grow the diversity and accessibility of our federal public lands by ensuring bicycles and electric bicycles are permitted via the same processes.

The U.S. bicycle industry contributes \$88 billion annually to our economy and employs more than 780,000 Americans. The PeopleForBikes Coalition (PeopleForBikes) is the national trade association representing companies that manufacture and distribute bicycles, bicycle parts and bicycle accessories. Nationwide, PeopleForBikes represents nearly 300 bicycle businesses and more than 7,000 retailers. The PeopleForBikes Foundation is supported by 1.4 million individuals.

The bicycle industry stands in full support of any effort to expand access to recreation and enhance the experience of our public lands for all Americans. We look forward to working with you to pass these bills.

Sincerely,

Noa Banayan, director of federal affairs
PeopleForBikes Coalition