

June 3, 2026

The Honorable John Boozman
Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
and Forestry
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition,
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Dear Chairman Boozman and Ranking Member Klobuchar,

As the Senate prepares to consider the 2026 Farm Bill, the undersigned organizations write in strong support of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Now in its 40th year, CRP remains one of USDA's flagship voluntary conservation programs, delivering significant benefits for farmers, ranchers, wildlife, soil health, and water quality. The Senate has an opportunity to ensure that the 2026 Farm Bill provides needed investment in and updates to CRP.

Since the program's inception in 1985, CRP has served as a critical part of the farm safety net, helping producers and landowners manage risk, generate on-farm income, provide forage during extreme drought, and conserve environmentally sensitive lands. The program also restores wildlife habitat for a broad array of wildlife species, improves soil and water quality, and supports the \$1.3 trillion outdoor recreation economy.

Despite CRP's proven success and continued popularity, the program has been operating under short-term extensions since 2023 and has not received meaningful policy updates or new investments since the 2018 Farm Bill.

Thanks to Congress, there have been historic investments made in all other major farm bill conservation programs, with the exception of CRP. The Senate now has an opportunity to make sure CRP is not left behind by increasing resources in the farm bill's conservation title to provide needed investment in and improvements to CRP.

We appreciate your continued leadership on agriculture conservation and your work to advance a bipartisan Farm Bill. We look forward to working with you to strengthen the Conservation Reserve Program so it remains a valuable and effective option for farmers, ranchers, and sportsmen and women for the next 40 years, and beyond.

Sincerely,

American Bird Conservancy
American Fisheries Society
American Fly Fishing Trade Association
American Sportfishing Association

American Woodcock Society
Archery Trade Association
Arkansas Wildlife Federation
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Association of Northwest Steelheaders
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
Bird Conservancy of the Rockies
Boone and Crockett Club
California Waterfowl Association
Colorado Wildlife Federation
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Northwest
Delta Waterfowl
Fly Fishers International
Georgia Wildlife Federation
Iowa Wildlife Federation
Izaak Walton League of America
Kentucky Waterways Alliance
Minnesota Wildlife Federation
Montana Wildlife Federation
Mule Deer Foundation
National Audubon Society
National Bobwhite & Grassland Initiative Foundation
National Deer Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Trappers Association
National Wildlife Federation
New York State Conservation Council
North American Falconers Association
North American Grouse Partnership
North Dakota Wildlife Federation
Pheasants Forever
Quail Forever
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Safari Club International
South Dakota Wildlife Federation
Sportsmen's Alliance
The Nature Conservancy
The Wildlife Society
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Western Landowners Alliance

Whitetails Unlimited

Wild Sheep Foundation

Wildlife Forever

World Wildlife Fund

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation