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Honorable Peter Welch

Honorable John Curtis

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Honorable Mike Simpson

Honorable Chris Stewart

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives:

The nation’s recreational trails community strongly supports HR 5797, strengthening and extending the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). ***We deeply appreciate your national leadership efforts on this important issue***. This legislation would ensure that the remarkable successes of the RTP since its 1991 creation will continue and provide safe, enjoyable trails and access to the Great Outdoors for millions of Americans. The measure requires a Nonhighway Recreational Fuel Study, better reporting of RTP projects and increased funding.

RTP is a partner-based program uniting federal/state/local agencies, enthusiasts and the recreation industry and is unique in its support of trail maintenance. More than 25,000 projects and programs have been completed, contributing to our economy, to our health and safety, and to greater access to our public lands.

**Adventure Cycling Association**

**American Council of Snowmobile Associations**

**American Hiking Society**

**American Horse Council**

**American Motorcyclist Association**

**American Trails**

**Americans for Responsible Recreational Access**

**Back Country Horsemen of America**

**Bikes Belong**

**BlueRibbon Coalition**

**Conservation Legacy**

**The Corps Network**

**Equine Land Conservation Resource**

**International Association of Snowmobile Administrators**

**International Mountain Bicycling Association**

**International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association**

**Motorcycle Industry Council**

**National Association of Recreation Resource Planners**

**National Association of State Park Directors**

**National Association of State Trail Administrators**

**National Park Hospitality Association**

**National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council**

**National Recreation and Park Association**

**National Wildlife Federation**

**Off-Road Business Association**

**Outdoor Recreation Roundtable**

**People for Bikes**

**Professional Trail Builders Association**

**Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**

**Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association**

**Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association**

**SnowSports Industries America**

**Specialty Equipment Market Association**

**Specialty Vehicle Institute of America**

**Student Conservation Association**

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**United Four Wheel Drive Associations**

















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