

## WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE

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Congressman Mike Gallagher  
1007 Longworth House Office Building  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation:

We are writing today to respectfully request the permanent authorization and full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Without your urgent attention and action, the fund will expire on September 30, 2018. Wisconsin needs your leadership on this vital issue for our sportsmen and outdoor enthusiasts alike.


Our land and water know no political party or identity; rather, they are critical to our state's sporting heritage, tourism, and economy. Wisconsin's \$17.9 billion outdoor recreation industry is an economic powerhouse, supporting 168,000 jobs that generate \$5.1 billion in wages and salaries and producing \$1.1 billion annually in state and local tax revenue.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) has invested \$215 million in protected beloved places in Wisconsin, like the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, the Wolf Wild and Scenic River, Devil's Lake State Park, and the Central Sands Pine Forest. The LWCF has provided funding for land and water conservation projects, recreational construction and activities, and historic preservation of landmarks nationwide at no cost to taxpayers for the past 52 years.

Wisconsin belongs to future generations as much as it belongs to us, and it is our responsibility to ensure that the outdoors and natural wonders that we get to enjoy are still there for our grandchildren and their grandchildren. If the Land and Water Conservation Fund expires, it would disrespect decades of progress protecting the unique natural, historic, and cultural resources that are such an integral part of what make our state so great. We can't afford to put these resources in jeopardy, or to risk any further erosion of outdoor recreational opportunities and the iconic outdoor places and parks that are cherished by so many Wisconsin families.

We are aware that there are several bills on the table which some of you have cosponsored to authorize and fully fund the LWCF. We appreciate the leadership of our representatives who cosponsored the bill and ask the entire Congressional delegation for your public, enthusiastic support for the Land and Water Conservation fund. We urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress to call for a vote on the LWCF's permanent authorization and full funding. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your leadership.

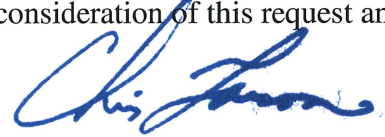
Sincerely,



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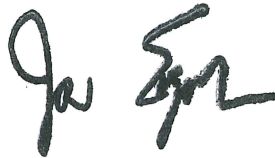
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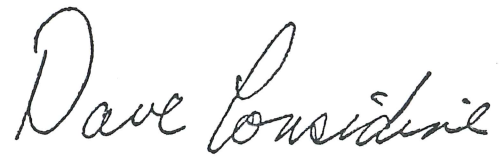
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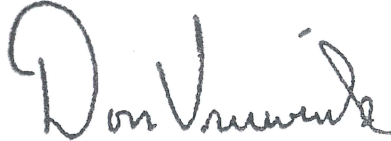
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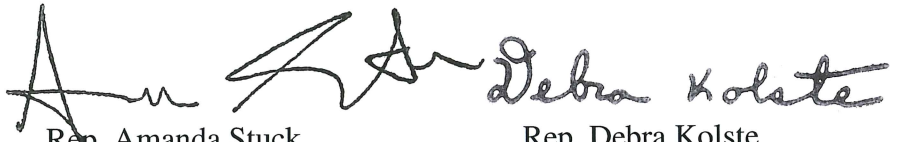
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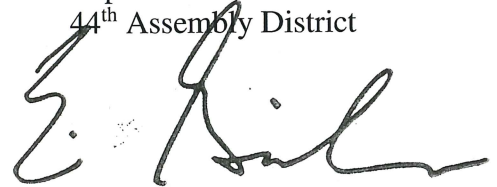
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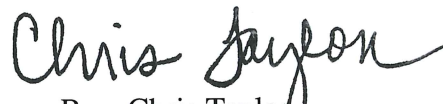
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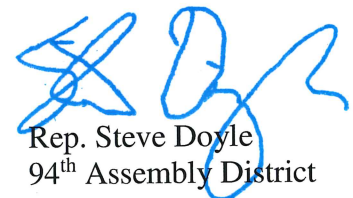
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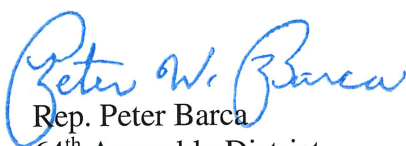
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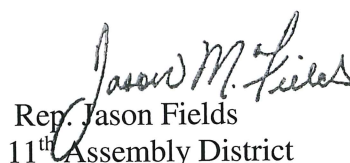
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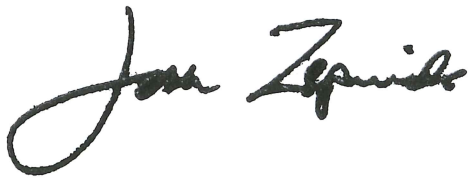


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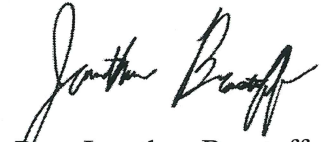
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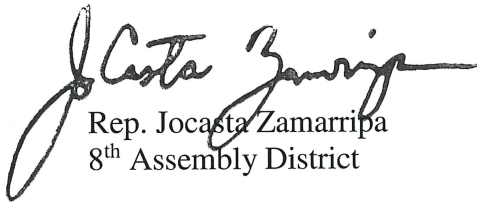
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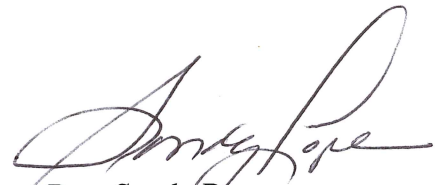
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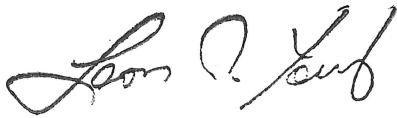
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