The Honorable Jon Tester  
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The Honorable Jon Tester:

The undersigned organizations from the recreational fishing, hunting, shooting, and wildlife conservation community strongly support passage of the Sportsmen’s Act of 2012 (S. 3525). This legislation is nearly identical to an amendment proposed to the 2012 Farm Bill, which we also supported.

The Sportsmen’s Act of 2012 is essential to the expansion and enhancement of hunting and recreational fishing and shooting on federal public lands and the sustainability of fish and wildlife populations that support those activities. It is a compilation of a number of different bills that promote and advance our hunting and recreational fishing and shooting heritage, plus the continued authorization of several vital conservation programs, including those that enhance waterfowl and other fish and wildlife populations and habitat. Several of the hunting and fishing bills included in this legislation have passed the House of Representatives on a bipartisan basis as part of H.R.4089, which our organizations also strongly supported.

We support S. 3525 and urge you and your colleagues to vote for passage of this important legislation. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

American Fisheries Society  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Boone and Crocket Club  
Campfire Club of America  
Catch-A-Dream Foundation  
Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation  
Conservation Force  
Dallas Safari Club  
Delta Waterfowl  
Ducks Unlimited  
Masters of Foxhounds Association  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Rifle Association  
National Shooting Sports Foundation  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
North American Bear Foundation  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Orion, The Hunter’s Institute  
Pheasants Forever  
Public Lands Foundation  
Quail Forever  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
Shimano  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
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