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November 1, 2012

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Republican Leader
The United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders Reid and McConnell:

Our organizations, which represent millions of hunters, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts would like to express our appreciation for the Senate's strong bipartisan vote to move forward with the Sportsmen's Act of 2012 (S. 3525.) It is our sincere hope that Senate passage of S. 3525 and final enactment of a historic package of legislation will occur before the end of the 112th Congress.

The Sportsmen's Act of 2012 is a compilation of bills that will expand, enhance and protect America's hunting, recreational fishing and shooting heritage. Several of the bills included in S.3525 have already passed the House of Representatives with strong bipartisan support during the 112th Congress including the Target Practice and Marksmanship Training Support Act, the Polar Bear Conservation and Fairness Act and the Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Shooting Protection Act. In addition, S. 3525 would authorize several vital conservation programs to enhance waterfowl and other fish and wildlife populations and conserve wetlands, aquatic systems, and other habitats.

Never before has such a large and diverse coalition of hunting, shooting, angling and other conservation organizations united behind a common goal of enacting such an important package of authorizing legislation. Expeditious Senate action this November is the crucial next step toward this historic achievement.

We have a strong shared belief that the 112th Congress has an immediate opportunity to put partisan differences aside to enact a package of legislation that will preserve and enhance America's hunting and fishing conservation heritage for the 21st Century. We deeply appreciate your commitment to seizing this historic opportunity and look forward to continuing to work with you toward Senate passage of S. 3525 and final enactment of a momentous sportsmen's package this year.

Sincerely,

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