

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

September 26, 2018

Honorable Paul D. Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-232 The Capitol  
Washington D.C. 20515

Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-204 The Capitol  
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Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

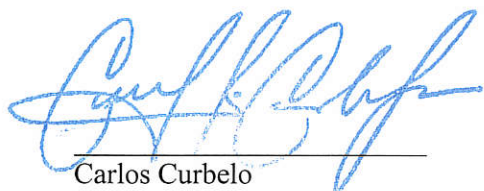
Florida's outdoor experience is the very cornerstone of the economy and quality of life for 20 million residents, supporting a \$58 billion outdoor recreational industry and 485,000 direct jobs. We write to request you bring up legislation to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) before it expires on September 30, 2018.

From backyards to backcountry, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, over the last 50 years, has invested \$1.036 billion across Florida to conserve fish and wildlife habitat, and enhance public hunting and fishing access. The program, funded entirely through royalties the United States receives from offshore oil and gas drilling, makes it possible to leverage local resources, address maintenance backlogs, build marinas, youth athletic fields or playgrounds, and protect multi-billion restoration investments in America's Everglades without using a single taxpayer dollar.

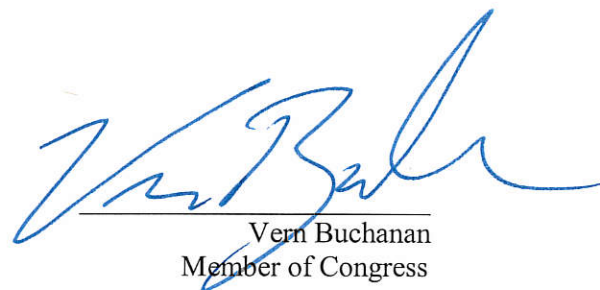
LWCF is a pre-eminent conservation program that supports the health of our urban and rural communities alike. We are grateful to Rep. Bishop and Rep. Grijalva for their leadership in the passage of a compromise LWCF bill (H.R. 502) from the House Natural Resources Committee that would permanently reauthorize this key conservation program.

We ask for your help to protect critical outdoor recreational infrastructure and fulfill the promise that all generations of Americans will be able to enjoy our public lands by immediately taking up and passing legislation to permanently reauthorize LWCF before it expires on September 30th. We stand ready to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Carlos Curbelo  
Member of Congress



Vern Buchanan  
Member of Congress



Ileana Ros-Lehtinen  
Member of Congress



Frederica Wilson  
Member of Congress



Alcee L. Hastings  
Member of Congress



Francis Rooney  
Member of Congress



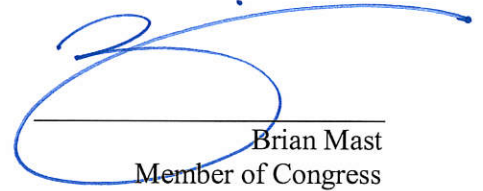
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Member of Congress



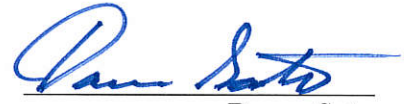
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