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The Honorable Jon Tester
724 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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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,

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