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Dear Senator McConnell,

We are aware that there is interest in moving the Great American Outdoors Act (GAOA) through the Senate quickly in order to move on to other important matters. We, too, want to move on to those matters, and recognize the importance of confirming nominees and taking up the National Defense Authorization Act. At the same time, however, we do not believe expedited consideration of the GAOA should preclude the Senate from considering any amendments, as we believe that the bill contains a number of flaws and lacks some necessary reforms.

If you would like us to consider expediting consideration of the GAOA (that is, agreeing to move the GAOA faster than the Senate Rules would allow in the absence of an agreement adopted by unanimous consent), we ask that you guarantee the consideration of five amendments, to be identified by the undersigned senators. Each amendment would address one of the following concerns:

1. Natural-resource revenue sharing between the federal government and the states,
2. Budget impact of the National Parks and Public Land Legacy Restoration Fund,
3. Budget impact of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF),
4. Implications of federal land ownership, and
5. Transparency for the LWCF

As you may know, we have dozens of additional amendments—each of which we would like the Senate to consider. Nevertheless, because we share your desire to expedite the consideration of the GAOA, we are willing to limit our request to five amendments addressing the topics identified above. Regardless of whether these amendments might receive enough votes to pass, we need to vote on them, and stand united in our willingness to expedite consideration of this bill if you will allow us to do so.

Sincerely,



Michael S. Lee
United States Senator



Mike Braun
United States Senator



John Kennedy
United States Senator

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Ted Cruz
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rand Paul' in a cursive script.

Rand Paul
United States Senator