

February 1, 2012

The Honorable John L. Mica  
Chairman, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Mica:

America's recreational trail interests thank you for listening to our requests that the Recreational Trails Program (RTP), created in 1991 and premised on the partial return of federal taxes paid into the Highway Trust Fund by nonhighway motorized recreation enthusiasts, should continue under new surface transportation legislation. The RTP is a proven success, advancing safety, helping Americans be more physically active year-round, providing improved access to public lands and boosting the economies of communities nationwide.

RTP is supported by all major national trail organizations, by state park agencies, by hundreds of local organizations and by a large and bipartisan group of Members of Congress. We are sure that all of these interests join the members of the Coalition for Recreational Trails in expressing appreciation for including the Recreational Trails Program in the American Energy & Infrastructure Jobs Act.

Sincerely,

American Council of Snowmobile Associations  
American Hiking Society  
American Horse Council  
American Motorcyclist Association  
American Recreation Coalition  
American Trails  
Americans for Responsible Recreational Access  
Back Country Horsemen of America  
Bikes Belong  
BlueRibbon Coalition  
The Corps Network  
Equine Land Conservation Resource  
International Association of Snowmobile Administrators  
International Mountain Bicycling Association  
International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
National Association of Recreation Resource Planners  
National Association of State Park Directors  
National Association of State Trail Administrators  
National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council  
National Recreation and Park Association  
Partnership for the National Trails System  
Professional Trail Builders Association  
Rails-to-Trails Conservancy  
Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
SnowSports Industries America  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association  
Student Conservation Association  
Tread Lightly!  
United Four Wheel Drive Associations

cc: Hon. Tom Petri  
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