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Dear Representative,

On behalf of American Hiking Society and the 76 million Americans who hike every year, the undersigned organizations thank you for your leadership for trails and urge you to co-sponsor the National Landscape Conservation System Act, HR 2016, simple legislation that will give permanent Congressional recognition to the Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System, an important system of public lands that includes thirteen National Scenic and Historic Trails.

The Bureau of Land Management's National Landscape Conservation System is 26 million acres of the best places to experience the history and wild beauty of the West. It includes Wilderness Areas, National Monuments and Conservation Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers, 13 National Scenic and Historic Trails and other specially designated lands. In addition to more than 5,500 miles of National Trails, the Conservation System includes thousands of miles of National Recreation Trails and equally spectacular undesignated trails.

But, unlike other similar national treasures, like the National Park System, the BLM's Conservation System lacks the permanent Congressional recognition its enormous recreational, cultural and natural resources so richly deserve. In order to permanently protect the System, and all the benefits its trails bring us, we urge you to support and co-sponsor HR 2016, the National Landscape Conservation System Act.

The undersigned organizations represent thousands of hikers, volunteers, and trail enthusiasts who recognize the many benefits that trails provide our nation. Our trails increase the economic diversity of our communities, help our children become fit and connect with nature, and showcase the scenic, cultural and historic treasures of America.

Sixty-three bipartisan and geographically diverse Members of Congress have joined the Administration and the Bureau of Land Management by officially registering their support and co-sponsorship of this important legislation. Your support and leadership will ensure that the trails and special places in the Conservation System continue to provide benefits to your constituents and to all Americans.

Sincerely,

Alabama Trails Association, *Birmingham, AL*
ALDHA-West, *Eugene, OR*

American Discovery Trail Society, *Washington, DC*

American Hiking Society, *Silver Spring, MD*
 Arizona Trail Association, *Phoenix, AZ*
 Arizona Wilderness Coalition, *Tucson, AZ*
 Bay Area Trails Preservation Council, *Corte Madera, CA*
 Black River Chapter Adirondack Mountain Club, *MT*
Rodman, NY
 Buckeye Trail Association *Worthington, OH*
 Bushkill Falls, *Bushkill, PA*
 Cleveland Hiking Club, *Cleveland, OH*
 Coastwalk, *Sebastopol, CA*
 Common Ground Outdoor Adventures, *Logan, UT*
 Continental Divide Trail Alliance, *Pine, CO*
 Crescent Trail Hiking Association, *Fairport, NY*
 Crotched Mountain Foundation, *Greenfield, NH*
 Cumberland Trail Conference, *Crossville, TN*
 East Coast Greenway Alliance, *Wakefield, RI*
 Eastern Sierra Trekkers, *Lone Pine, CA*
 Essex Land Trust, *Essex, CT*
 Fluvanna Heritage Trail Foundation, *Palmyra, VA*
 Friends of Dinosaur Ridge, *Morrison, CO*
 Friends of Forest Park, *Portland, OR*
 Friends of Hunting Island State Park, Inc., *Dataw Island, SC*
 Friends of Mount Evans & Lost Creek Wildernesses, *Evergreen, CO*
 Friends of Salt Springs Park, *Montrose, PA*
 Friends of the Dahlgren Railroad Heritage Trail, *Dahlgren, VA*
 Friends of the Mines of Spain, *Dubuque, IA*
 Friends of the Wissahickon, *Philadelphia, PA*
 Georgia Appalachian Trail Conference, *Atlanta, GA*
 Georgia Bartram Trail Group, *Central, SC*
 Grand Staircase Escalante Partners, *Kanab, UT*
 Great Falls Trail Blazers, *Great Falls, VA*
 Headwaters Trails Alliance, *Granby, CO*
 Hiawatha Shore-to-Shore Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, *Rudyard, MI*
 Hoosier Hikers Council, *Martinsville, IN*
 Kansas Trails Council, *Topeka, KS*
 Katy Trail B and B, *Rocheport, MO*
 Kennesaw Mountain Trail Club, *Kennesaw, GA*
 Keystone Trails Association, *Confluence, PA*
 King George Bicyclist Association, *Fredericksburg, VA*
 Lula Lake Land Trust, *Lookout Mountain, GA*
 National Coast Trail Association, *Portland, OR*
 National Smokejumpers Association, *Missoula, MT*
 Nature Trust of the Santa Monica Mountains, *Malibu, CA*
 Norman Bird Sanctuary, *Middletown, RI*
 Northlake Nature Center, *Mandeville, LA*
 NY-NJ Trail Conference, *Mahwah, NJ*
 Orange County Land Trust, *Middletown, NY*
 Pacific Crest Trail Association, *Sacramento, CA*
 Panhandle Pioneer Settlement, *Blountstown, FL*
 Pinetop-Lakeside TRACKS, *Lakeside, AZ*
 Quiet Use Coalition, *Buena Vista, CO*
 Red Lodge Hiking Club, *Red Lodge, MT*
 Redwood Parks Lodge Company, *Trinidad, CA*
 RF&P Chapter of BikeWalk Virginia, *Williamsburg, VA*
 River to River Trail Society, *Harrisburg, IL*
 Saco Bay Trails, *Saco, ME*
 San Gorgonio Wilderness Association, *Mentone, CA*
 Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership, *Denver, CO*
 Shaw Nature Reserve, *Gray Summit, MO*
 Sonoma County Trails Council, *Santa Rosa, CA*
 Standing Stone Trail Club, *Harrisburg, PA*
 Superior Hiking Trail Association, *Two Harbors, MN*
 Susquehanna Trail Club, *Harrisburg, PA*
 Swan Ecosystem Center, *Condon, MT*
 Tahoe Rim Trail Association, *Incline Village, NV*
 The Green Mountain Club, *Woodbury Center, VT*
 Trails and Open Space Coalition, *Colorado Springs, CO*
 Trailspace.com, *Rome, ME*
 Utah Backcountry Volunteers, *Salt Lake City, UT*
 Ventana Wilderness Alliance, *Santa Cruz, CA*
 Vista Conservancy, *Vista, CA*
 Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, *Denver, CO*
 Walking Women, *Brown County, IN*
 Weber Pathways, *Ogden, UT*
 Yavapai Trails Association, *Prescott, AZ*

