



April 9, 2025

The Hon. Amy Klobuchar  
United States Senator  
425 Dirksen Senate Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

Leaders of the nation's recreational trails community appreciate your long advocacy for America's trails and the contributions they make to the lives of all Americans daily. Trails help us access our nation's public lands and waters, contribute meaningfully to our physical and mental health, undergird sustainable communities especially in rural areas, link family members and friends, and reinforce our conservation legacy. Our trails make a variety of diverse activities safer and more enjoyable year-round. More and better trails have helped trail enthusiasts unite as partners, working as volunteers and as advocates for important and successful programs like the Recreational Trails Program and its legacy of more than 30,000 completed projects and state-level trail advisory committees which guide public and private efforts across the nation.

You have played a vital role on recreational trails during your time in the United States Senate, and your efforts have been especially important over the past year. You recently guided the bipartisan introduction of S. 811, the Recreational Trails Program Full Funding Act and flagged this proven program during the confirmation hearing of Sean Duffy, nominated to lead the U.S. Department of Transportation which has administered this highly effective and efficient program since 1991. The nominee's positive response to your comment and his pledge to work with you drew cheers from all trail enthusiasts – hikers and bicyclists, snowmobilers and equestrians, cross country skiers and OHV enthusiasts and more.

Thank you. We look forward to collaborating with you as the Congress determines the future of the nation's surface transportation programs and policies. We especially appreciate your efforts to craft a bright future for RTP and using the legislative process to clarify the opportunity to expand and improve this program without adverse impacts to other federal transportation programs including programs under Section 133(h).

Sincerely,

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Marianne W. Fowler, Co-Chair

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Derrick A. Crandall, Co-Chair

## **CRT Members**

The Coalition for Recreational Trails (CRT) is an alliance of national and regional trail-related organizations across a broad spectrum of interests representing motorized and non-motorized communities. Its members work together to build awareness and understanding of the Recreational Trails Program, which returns federal gasoline taxes paid by off-highway recreationists to the states for trail development and maintenance.

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