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John Barrasso, Chairman  
Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee  
307 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

I write to convey the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's (Department) support of the America's Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act. I want to thank you for your leadership regarding wildlife related issues that affect Wyoming.

I understand this bill would establish the chronic wasting disease (CWD) task force that I testified on earlier this month. The Department is committed to furthering our understanding of CWD, and greatly supports the formation of a task force to address the issue, as this is a national problem that will continue to affect all of us into the future.

This bill would also provide a venue to compensate livestock producers for losses to predation by federally listed species. The Department spent \$1,175,207 in fiscal year 2018 alone in damage compensation payments to landowners. The proposed program would complement our existing damage compensation program and potentially enhance relief to Wyoming ranchers.

Additionally, promoting fish habitat conservation through partnerships fits well within our enduring model that provides and maintains world class angling opportunities for our citizens.

Thank you again for your continued focus on important issues facing Wyoming's citizens and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Brian R. Nesvik  
Director

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