



Defend THE VOTE



A Letter from the Outdoor Sports Community to the Governors, Secretaries of State, and Elected Leaders of the United States

We are athletes and community leaders from the outdoor sports community in the United States. More than 180 million Americans recreate outdoors, and it is our passion and participation that drives a \$1.3 trillion industry supporting millions of jobs in every congressional district in this country. We are writing to you because what happens in your statehouses and offices directly affects the places and communities we have built our lives around.

We have a front-row seat to what is happening to those places. Shorter winters. Thinning snowpack. Rivers running low. Forests burning. Seasonal businesses straining under extreme unforeseen conditions. These are not abstractions. They are our backyards, our livelihoods, and the landscapes we have dedicated our lives to protecting. And one of the most impactful things any of us can do to protect them is to vote.

We are not here to tell anyone how to vote.

We are here because the ability to vote, freely and fairly, is the foundation on which everything else rests. Access to voting should be clear and available to all eligible Americans. Access to the ballot is not a privilege. It is a right. Every eligible American must be able to cast their ballot.

We know the difference between a race course that tests your ability and one designed to make you fail. One builds a better athlete. The other just keeps people off the mountain.

Those who add their name to this letter believe that full and fair participation in our democracy is worth defending. We urge Governors, Secretaries of State, Attorneys General, and federal leaders to take every action necessary to protect ballot access and ensure that all eligible Americans can participate fully in our democracy.

The landscapes we love do not get a vote. We must ensure the people who depend on them do.

Signed, the athletes, businesses, and community members of the American outdoor sports community