

February 12, 2018

Senate Finance Committee 200 East Colfax Denver, CO 80203

> Re: Future Generations Act SB18-143

Dear Committee Members:

The above Organizations are contacting your Offices' to voice our Organizations vigorous support for the Future Generations Act (SB18-143). Prior to addressing the specific reasons for our vigorous support, we believe a brief summary of each Organization is needed. The Colorado Off-Highway Vehicle Coalition ("COHVCO") is a grassroots advocacy organization of approximately 2,500 members seeking to represent, assist, educate, and empower all OHV recreationists in the protection and promotion of off-highway motorized recreation throughout Colorado. COHVCO is an environmental organization that advocates and promotes the responsible use and conservation of our public lands and natural resources to preserve their aesthetic and recreational qualities for future generations.

The Trail Preservation Alliance ("TPA") is a 100 percent volunteer organization whose intention is to be a viable partner, working with the United States Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to preserve the sport of trail riding. The TPA acts as an advocate of the sport and takes the necessary action to ensure that the USFS and BLM allocate to trail riding a fair and equitable percentage of access to public lands.

Colorado Snowmobile Association ("CSA") was founded in 1970 to unite winter motorized recreationists across the state to enjoy their passion. CSA currently has 2,500 members. CSA has also become the voice of organized snowmobiling seeking to advance, promote and preserve the sport of snowmobiling through work with Federal and state land management agencies and local, state and federal legislators telling the truth about our sport.

Our Organizations vigorously support the Future Generations Act, as SB18-143 would:

1. CPW is a recognized national leader in providing sustainable recreational opportunities both through the State Parks and grants to partners like the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management;

2. CPW has a long partnership of working with our Organizations on a wide variety of issues and we value this collaborative spirit and believe it is a highly effective model for management moving forward;

3. CPW is a recognized leader in wildlife management and research, which has proven invaluable in addressing recreational related issues such as the recent potential listing of the Greater Sage Grouse, and management of species such as the Canadian Lynx and Wolverine; and

4. The success of these efforts has always rested on a strong financial foundation for CPW and the Future Generations Act would provide such a foundation moving forward as current funding is badly in need of expansion.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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