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The Honorable Joe Manchin III (D-WV)
Chairman, Energy and Natural
Resources Committee
United States Senate
306 Hart SOB
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso (R-WY)
Ranking Member, Energy and Natural
Resources Committee
United States Senate
307 Dirksen SOB
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of our partner organizations and the countless individual mountain bikers, we express our appreciation for your support and sponsorship of the Biking on Long Distance Trails (BOLT) Act. Moreover we urge swift passage from the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee then consideration by the full Senate.

The bill will make an investment into cycling infrastructure and continue to develop our nation's recreation economy. Outdoor recreation, particularly mountain biking, has grown in popularity over the last decade. In 2020, the outdoor recreation economy accounted for \$347.3 billion or 2% of the country's GDP. Being outdoors has not only brought economic boon to communities across the United States but has also created pathways to physical and mental wellbeing for millions of Americans. The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA), alongside its partners and affiliates nationwide, works to make mountain biking and the outdoors more accessible to everyone.

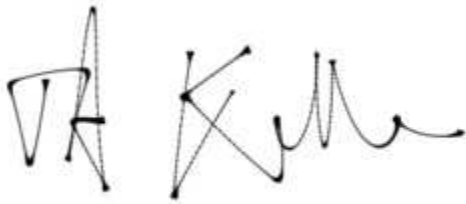
As you are aware, this legislation will give federal agencies the opportunity to identify and catalog existing and new long distance trails, develop ideas for promotion and signage, and perhaps most importantly create an atmosphere that facilitates stakeholder engagement throughout the process of planning and execution. All this will be delivered in a report to Congress that sets in motion a plan for action to see these long distance trails come to fruition.

Now, more than ever, mountain bikers are looking for immersive riding experiences. IMBA and our network of more than 200 IMBA Local Partners are eager to partner with agencies to guide these experiences. IMBA's programs help create more trails, through access, education, planning and design, assessment, fundraising, sustainable construction, and

ongoing trail maintenance and stewardship. IMBA engages with communities on a variety of trail experiences, from trails close to home to long-distance, backcountry riding.

Examples of long-distance bike trails that have helped create economic opportunities in their respective communities include the Ouachita National Recreation Trail in Arkansas, High Country Pathway in Michigan, and Maah Daah Hey in North Dakota. The BOLT Act will be instrumental in creating similar iconic backcountry experiences and making them more accessible to people across the country. We believe the growing outdoor industry coupled with an increase in new mountain bikers makes the BOLT Act even more relevant.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TK Keller', with a stylized, cursive script.

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ActivateSA	San Antonio, TX
Berks Area Mountain Biking Association	Reading, PA
Blackwater Bicycle Association	Davis, WV
Blue Mountain Singletrack Trails Club	La Grande, OR
Blue Ridge Off-Road Cyclists	Roanoke, VA
Boone Area Cyclist	Boone, NC
Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Middleton, WI
Central Caltronics Off-Road Cyclists	Fresno, CA
Central Coast Concerned Mountain Bikers	San Luis Obispo, CA
Central Michigan Mountain Bike Association	Mount Pleasant, MI
Cincinnati Off-Road Alliance	Cincinnati, OH
Cloud City Wheelers	Leadville, CO
Colorado Mountain Bike Association	Denver, CO
Concerned Long Island Mountain Bicyclists	Woodbury NY
Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association	Calabasas, CA

Capital Off Road Pathfinders	Middleton, WI
Clinch Valley Trail Alliance	Oak Ridge, TN
Downstream Construction LTD	Leadville CO
Evansville Mountain Bike Association	Evansville, IN
Falls Area SingleTrack	Sioux Falls, SD
FASTR SORBA	Palm Coast, FL
Fats in the Cats Bicycle Club	Lake Katrine, NY
Five Rivers Mountain Bike Club	Morristown, TN
Florida Association of Single Track Riders	Palm Coast, FL
Florida Mudcutters	Fort Myers, FL
Fort Bend Mountain Bike Association	Sugar Land, TX
Fredericksburg Trails Alliance	Fredericksburg, VA
Groveland Trail Heads	Groveland, CA
Immanuel Hospital	Papillion, NE
Iron Trailcraft	Cedar City, UT
Lake Jackson Mountain Biking Association	Lake Jackson, TX
Linn Area Mountain Bike Association	Cedar Rapids, IA
Marinette Area MTB Assoc.	Peshtigo, WI
Miami Valley Mountain Bike Association	Dayton, OH
Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts	Greater Washington, DC
Missouri Off-Road Cyclists	Springfield, MO
Monterey Off Road Cycling Association	Marina, CA
Mountain Bike the Tetons	Victor, ID
Nantahala Area SORBA	Sylva, NC
NEGA Sorba	Dahlongega, GA
North East Wisconsin Trails	Appleton, WI
Non Dot Adventures	Orange, CA
North West North Carolina Mountain Bike Alliance	Lenoir, NC
Overland Mountain Bike Association	Fort Collins, CO
Palisades MTB	Closter, NJ

Pine Hill Partnership, Inc	Center Rutland, VT
Ptarmigan Ptrails, LLC	Port Orford, OR
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Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association	Roaring Fork Valley, CO
Rocktree Trails	Johnson City, TN
Routt County Riders	Steamboat Springs
Rowdy Goudy	Denver, CO
Russell Turpin	West Columbia, SC
SAGE Trail Alliance	Santa Barbara, CA
San Diego Mountain Biking Association	San Diego, CA
Santa Fe Fat Tire Society	Santa Fe, NM
Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition	Harrisonburg, VA
Silicon Valley Mountain Bikers	Campbell, CA
Small Chain Ring Productions	Gallup, NM
Southern Off-Road Bicycle Association	Ellijay, GA
SORBA Jax	Ponte Vedra, FL
SORBA Orlando	Orlando, Florida
SORBA-Athens	Athens, GA
South Texas Off Road Mountain Bikers	San Antonio, TX
Southern Nevada Mountain Bike Association	Las Vegas, NV
Susquehanna Area Mountain Bike Association	Mechanicsburg, PA
Tahlequah Trails Association	Tahlequah, OK
Taos Mountain Bike Association	Taos, NM
Team Dirt	Corvallis, OR
Trails Have Our Respect	Omaha, NE
Triangle Off-Road Cyclists	Raleigh, NC
Umpqua Velo Club	Roseburg, OR
Weatherford Mountain Bike Club	Weatherford, TX
Western New York Mountain Bicycling Association	Buffalo, NY
Wild Rivers Coast Mountain Bicycling Association	Gold Beach, OR

About IMBA

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) creates, enhances, and protects great places to ride mountain bikes. It is focused on creating more trails close to home to grow the quantity and quality of mountain bike trail communities across the U.S., so everyone has access to close-to-home rides and iconic backcountry experiences. Since 1988, IMBA has been the worldwide leader in mountain bike advocacy and the only organization focused entirely on trails and access for all types of mountain bikers in all parts of the U.S. IMBA teaches and encourages low-impact riding, grassroots advocacy, sustainable trail design, innovative land management practices, and cooperation among trail user groups. IMBA U.S. is a national network of local groups, individual riders, and passionate volunteers working together for the benefit of the entire community.

About IMBA Local

IMBA Local associations are member-based groups focused on trails, access, rides and social events on their community trails. IMBA works closely with its IMBA Local partners to support and enhance trail building, advocacy and organizational efforts.