

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

I'm writing today as your constituent to encourage you to cosponsor H.R. 781, the Complete America's Great Trails Act. This bill will help Congress finish the work it began years ago. .

While Congress has authorized 11 National Scenic Trails, all of them either have gaps or sections that cross private land. Many of these parcels of land are owned by landowners who would like to sell but would also like to enjoy the tax benefit that such an easement would be expected to bring.

H.R. 781 would provide landowners with the voluntary opportunity (not a mandate) to receive a tax credit for placing their land in conservation easement along these scenic trail corridors with a public access easement for the trail.

I ask that you take a good look at this bill and consider co-sponsoring it; it is important to me and others in our district who enjoy hiking and outdoor recreation. To become a co-sponsor or find out more contact Jamie Smith ([Jamie.smith@mail.house.gov](mailto:Jamie.smith@mail.house.gov)) in Rep. Connolly's office.

Thank you for your time and I hope to hear back from you.

Sincerely,

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