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Mr. John Devney Vice Chair, Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council c/o Doug Hobbs, Designated Federal Officer U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: OC Falls Church, Virginia 22041

Dear Mr. Devney:

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2023, and the Hunting and Wildlife Conservation Council's (HWCC) support and engagement with the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service).

The Service agrees it is important to utilize the generational funding provided by the Great American Outdoors Act and Inflation Reduction Act as soon as possible. We are working with our teams and partners across the nation toward that goal. We appreciate the efforts and continued discussions with the HWCC to support conservation of wildlife, fisheries, their habitats, and their benefits to the people that use and depend on them.

The Service looks forward to continued coordination with the HWCC through Doug Hobbs (doug_hobbs@fws.gov) as the Designated Federal Officer.

Sincerely,

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