

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, D.C. 20510**

December 1, 2021

The Honorable Jack Reed  
Chairman  
Senate Armed Services Committee  
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 228  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Adam Smith  
Chairman  
House Armed Services Committee  
2216 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jim Inhofe  
Ranking Member  
Senate Armed Services Committee  
Russell Senate Office Building, Room 228  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers  
Ranking Member  
House Armed Services Committee  
2216 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairs Reed and Smith and Ranking Members Inhofe and Rogers:

As you work to finalize the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), we write to request that you include the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act in the final conference report.

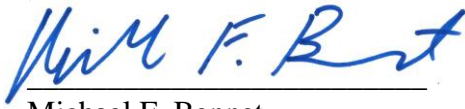
The CORE Act is bicameral bill that was written by Coloradans to protect 400,000 acres of public land in Colorado and has passed the U.S. House of Representatives four times with bipartisan support, including most recently in the House-passed FY22 NDAA (Section 5601 - 5655). The CORE Act would designate 73,000 acres of new wilderness, nearly 80,000 acres of new recreation and wildlife conservation management areas, and expand protections for more than 200,000 acres in the Thompson Divide.

Most notably, the CORE Act celebrates our nation's military by establishing the nation's first-ever National Historic Landscape at Camp Hale. This designation would ensure that future generations learn about the 10th Mountain Division's storied history and experience the landscape where the famed "Soldiers on Skis" trained before leading our nation to victory during World War II. Furthermore, the CORE Act will not affect current and future military training in Colorado and is supported by the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The public lands protected in the CORE Act are important to all Americans, including sportsmen and ranchers, and help to sustain our state's \$28 billion outdoor recreation economy. After years of collaboration, careful consultation, and negotiation, the CORE Act enjoys the full support of seven counties, 12 cities and towns, the State of Colorado, and countless outdoor businesses, sportsmen, conservation, and recreation organizations. Given the broad support for this bill in our state, we urge you to include the CORE Act in the final FY22 NDAA.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Michael F. Bennet  
United States Senator



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John Hickenlooper  
United States Senator



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Joe Neguse  
United States Representative

CC: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
House Committee on Natural Resources