

for long-distance biking on Federal land.

The legislation would expand outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the country and boost local economies that rely on tourism and the outdoor industry.

Additionally, ensuring Americans have access to public lands is critical to the development of multiple-use management, which includes outdoor recreation, resource development, and grazing. This bill identifies long-distance bike trails on Federal lands, making them easier for the public to explore and use for personal enjoyment.

I thank my colleague, Representative NEGUSE, for introducing this important legislation and championing it on behalf of his constituents.

I urge my colleagues to vote “yes,” and I reserve the balance of my time.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,  
Washington, DC, July 15, 2022.

Hon. DAVID SCOTT,  
Chair, Committee on Agriculture,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR SCOTT: I write to you concerning H.R. 6337 the “Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act.”

I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation. I recognize that the bill contains provisions that fall within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Agriculture. I acknowledge that your Committee will not formally consider H.R. 6337 and agree that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the matters contained in the bill that fall within your Committee’s Rule X jurisdiction.

Additionally, the Committee on Natural Resources confirms our mutual understanding that the Committee on Agriculture will be appropriately consulted and involved as the bill or similar legislation moves forward so that you may address any remaining issues within your jurisdiction. I am pleased to support the appointment of members of the Committee on Agriculture to any conference committee to consider such provisions.

I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during floor consideration of the bill. I appreciate your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,  
Chair, House Natural Resources Committee.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, DC, July 15, 2022.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,  
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GRIJALVA: This letter confirms our mutual understanding regarding H.R. 6337, the Biking on Long-Distance Trails Act. Thank you for collaborating with the Committee on Agriculture.

Our Committee will forgo consideration of this bill so that it can proceed expeditiously to the House floor. However, the Committee on Agriculture reserves the right to seek the appointment of conferees to any House-Senate conference and requests consultation on any remaining matters within our jurisdiction.

We would appreciate a response to this letter confirming this understanding with re-

spect to H.R. 6337, and request that a copy of our letters on this matter be published in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD during Floor consideration.

Sincerely,

DAVID SCOTT,  
Chairman.

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 6337, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Representative JOE NEGUSE.

The Biking on Long-Distance Trails, or BOLT Act, is intended to meet the needs of biking enthusiasts by increasing the number of long-distance biking trails on Federal lands.

The BOLT Act would require the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to identify at least 10 existing long-distance bike trails and identify at least 10 areas where there is opportunity to develop or complete such trails.

Mountain biking is one of the fastest growing sectors in the outdoor recreation economy, and I support identifying new opportunities for the public to recreate on Federal lands. The BOLT Act will make long-distance bike trails safer and more accessible to riders throughout the country.

I urge adoption of this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6337, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

#### GATEWAY SOLIDARITY ACT

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7002) to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by blue and yellow lights in support of Ukraine, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7002

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the “Gateway Solidarity Act”.*

#### SEC. 2. ILLUMINATION OF THE GATEWAY ARCH IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE.

*To show support and solidarity with the Ukrainian people, the Secretary of the Interior shall illuminate the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, by blue and yellow lights—*

*(A) in 2022, within 15 days following enactment of this act, for no fewer than 5 consecutive days; and*

*(B) annually on August 24, in recognition of Ukrainian Independence Day, until the President reports to Congress that the government of the Russian Federation has ceased its destabilizing activities with respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7002, the Gateway Solidarity Act, to illuminate the St. Louis Gateway Arch in the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

As we know, Russian president Vladimir Putin launched an unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, and since then, the country and its people have experienced the largest armed conflict in Europe since World War II—a conflict consisting of Russian attacks that have leveled Ukrainian cities, caused civilian casualties, and sparked an enormous refugee crisis.

Introduced by my colleague across the aisle, Representative ANN WAGNER, this bill would require the Secretary of the Interior to illuminate the Gateway Arch in the colors of the Ukrainian flag to show that we, in the United States, are behind Ukraine, sending a message to our friends and allies in Europe and across the globe that the American people are supportive of a sovereign Ukrainian nation.

I ask my colleagues to vote “yes” on H.R. 7002 and reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 7002, sponsored by my Republican colleague, ANN WAGNER of Missouri, would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to illuminate the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, in blue and yellow, the colors of the Ukrainian flag.

Throughout the world, international landmarks have been illuminated in blue and yellow as a sign of solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

These landmarks include the Kennedy Center, Niagara Falls, the Sydney Opera House, the Empire State Building, the Seattle Space Needle, and the Eiffel Tower.

In 2004, Congress enacted legislation requiring the Secretary of Interior to illuminate the Gateway Arch with pink lights in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month each October.

In 2015, the Gateway Arch was illuminated gold to commemorate its 50th anniversary. Most recently, in 2020, the Gateway Arch was illuminated purple and gold to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

The Gateway Solidarity Act, as amended, would require the Secretary of the Interior to illuminate the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, in blue and yellow lights for 5 days following enactment, and annually on August 24th, in recognition of Ukrainian Independence Day, until the President reports to Congress that Russia has ceased its hostilities against Ukraine.

I thank Representative WAGNER for sponsoring this bill. The bill's sponsor regrets that she was unable to be here today due to weather delays.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this bill and yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge an "aye" vote and yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 7002, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

## ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS-CENTERED INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION ACT OF 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 7025) to prohibit the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service from funding entities that commit, fund, or support gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7025

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act of 2022".

### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.**—The term "appropriate committees of Congress" means—

(A) the Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives;

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Committee of Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(D) the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate;

(E) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(F) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

(2) **COVERED RECIPIENT.**—The term "covered recipient" means any entity that receives financial assistance from the Director for the purpose of international activities or a subrecipient as defined in section 200.1 of title 2, Code of Federal Regulations, of such entity with respect to a grant issued by the Director.

(3) **CREDIBLE INFORMATION.**—The term "credible information" means information that, considering the source of such information and the surrounding circumstances, supports a reasonable belief that an event has occurred or will occur.

(4) **DIRECTOR.**—The term "Director" means the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(5) **GROSS VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED HUMAN RIGHTS.**—The term "gross violation of internationally recognized human rights" has the meaning given that term in section 502B(d)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(d)(1)).

(6) **INSPECTOR GENERAL.**—The term "Inspector General" means the Inspector General for the Department of the Interior.

(7) **SECRETARY.**—The term "the Secretary" means the Secretary of State.

(8) **SERVICE.**—The term "Service" means the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(9) **UNIT OF A FOREIGN SECURITY FORCE.**—The term "unit of a foreign security force" means a unit of—

(A) a foreign military;

(B) a foreign police force;

(C) a foreign paramilitary group;

(D) any person providing security services to a foreign government; and

(E) such other organizations as the Secretary of State determines appropriate.

### SEC. 3. INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GRANT RESTRICTIONS.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director shall ensure that no international financial assistance provided by the Director shall be furnished to any covered recipient or subrecipient for funding or supporting any unit of a foreign security force if the Director or the Secretary of State has credible information that such unit has committed a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights.

(b) **EXCEPTION.**—The prohibition in subsection (a) shall not apply if the Director, in consultation with the Secretary, determines and reports to the appropriate Congressional committees that the applicable national government, and covered recipient or subrecipient as appropriate, is taking effective steps to bring the responsible members of the unit of a foreign security force to justice and to prevent gross violations of internationally recognized human rights by the unit in the future.

(c) **RISK ANALYSIS.**—In performing a risk assessment analysis for a grant to a covered recipient, the Director, in consultation with the Secretary, shall include the occurrence of human rights violations by individuals employed, funded, or supported by the covered recipient or subrecipient as a factor in such analysis.

(d) **PROCEDURES TO IDENTIFY HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATORS.**—The Director, in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish, and periodically update, procedures to—

(1) avoid duplication of effort with respect to vetting a unit of a foreign security force

under this Act and vetting carried out under section 620M of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2378d);

(2) carry out the requirements of section 4;

(3) ensure that for each country the Director and the Secretary have a current list of all units of foreign security forces receiving training, equipment, or other types of assistance through covered recipients or subrecipients;

(4) ensure that when an individual is designated to receive United States training, equipment, or other types of assistance the individual's unit is vetted as well as the individual;

(5) seek to identify the unit involved with respect to any credible information of a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights in any nation in which a covered recipient or subrecipient provides funding, training, equipment, or other assistance to a unit of a foreign security force; and

(6) make publicly available the identity of those units for which no assistance shall be furnished pursuant to subsection (a) unless such publication would create a risk to national security or the health and safety of a victim of a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights.

### SEC. 4. INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GRANT REQUIREMENTS.

(a) **REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE A GRANT.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Director shall incorporate into the terms of an agreement for financial assistance to a covered recipient and require a duly designated representative of the covered recipient to certify before receiving the award that—

(A) the covered recipient will not commit, fund, or support gross violations of internationally recognized human rights in carrying out the activities under the award;

(B) the covered recipient has provided a list to the Director of each subrecipient to which the covered recipient intends to provide funding using such financial assistance and has provided a certification from each subrecipient that such subrecipient will not commit, fund, or support gross violations of internationally recognized human rights in carrying out the activities under the award;

(C) the covered recipient has provided the Director with the covered recipient's and each subrecipient's written policy on maintaining standards for conduct consistent with recognized international human rights standards, including the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights;

(D) the covered recipient has implemented and is enforcing a social safeguards plan described in subsection (b)(1);

(E) the covered recipient has implemented procedures to detect, investigate, discipline or terminate a subrecipient, employee, or agent of the covered recipient that fails to comply with applicable policies to protect human rights in connection with the award; and

(F) the covered recipient will comply with the requirements established in this section.

(2) **SUBSEQUENT SUBRECIPIENT.**—If, after receiving an award of funds from the Director, a covered recipient selects a new subrecipient, the covered recipient shall provide the Director with—

(A) an updated version of the list described in paragraph (1)(B);

(B) a certification from such subrecipient that such subrecipient will not commit, fund, or support gross violations of internationally recognized human rights in carrying out the activities under the award;

(C) the subrecipient's written policy described in paragraph (1)(C); and