





Outdoor Recreation's Economic Contributions (REC) Act – H.R. 4665

The Missing Piece:

-  In the US, the outdoor recreation economy is a major driver of job creation and growth. However, the federal government does not track the outdoor recreation sector's contributions to economic growth, unlike other major sectors in the U.S. economy.
-  The legislation directs measurement of the outdoor recreation sector's economic value is critical to making informed policy and business decisions.
-  The bill has overwhelming support from much of the outdoor recreation industry, including RVIA, RVDA, ARVC, OIA, and ARC.
-  This data is crucial to help quantify the economic importance of outdoor recreation and to help inform the decisions that affect businesses and millions of RVers who recreate outside each year. Policymakers at the federal, state, and local levels need this data to properly invest in recreation infrastructure to allow current and next generation RVers to enjoy the iconic federal lands and campgrounds for many years to come.

Request: Please cosponsor the bipartisan Outdoor Recreation's Economic Contributions (REC) Act

To cosponsor the bill, please contact the bill sponsors:

Representative Don Beyer (D-VA-8)
or **Representative Dave Reichert (R-WA-8)**

The REC Act Overview:

- Directs the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis to measure, analyze, and report on the full economic impact attributable to the outdoor recreation economy.
- In conducting the assessment, the Bureau may consider employment, sales, contributions to travel and tourism, and other appropriate contributing components of the outdoor recreation economy.



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:


We invite you to cosponsor the bipartisan Outdoor Recreation's Economic Contributions (REC) Act (H.R.4665), which would direct the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis to measure, analyze and report on the full economic impact attributable to the outdoor recreation economy.

In the United States, the outdoor recreation economy is a major driver of job creation and growth, whether that's hiking, biking, fishing, or another outdoor recreation activity. According to an estimate by the Outdoor Industry Association, this important sector generates more than \$646 billion in consumer spending each year and more than 6.1 million American jobs. Unlike other major sectors in the U.S. economy, however, the federal government does not track the contributions of the outdoor recreation sector to economic growth, leaving policymakers and business leaders in the dark.

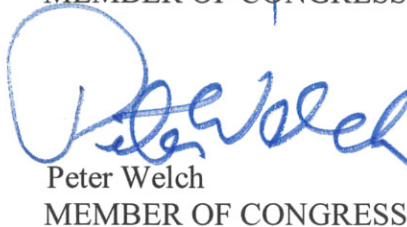
Understanding the outdoor sector's economic value is critical to making informed policy and business decisions. This data is crucial to help quantify the economic importance of outdoor recreation and to help inform the decisions that affect businesses and 142 million Americans who recreate outside each year.

If you would like more information or would like to become a cosponsor of this important legislation, please contact Kate in Rep. Beyer's office at Kate.Schisler@mail.house.gov or Robert in Rep. Reichert's office at Robert.Biestman@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,


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