

Below is an urgent message from ACSA regarding RTP (Recreational Trail Program) funds. We need you to contact both US Senators and express your support for HR 6147.

To send directly to the Senators you must first go to their websites to get the message form, then just cut and paste.

The staff people can be mailed directly.

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URGENT! Senate Appropriations Package Includes Measure to Allow Recreational Trails Program to be eligible for additional funding.

Urge your Senators to support Senator Amy Klobuchar's (D-MN) amendment to the four-bill spending package (H.R. 6147).

According to Senator Klobuchar's staff, Senate Amendment 3538 to Senate Amendment 3399 to HR 6147 is under consideration by both the Majority and Minority. The package combines four appropriations bills for federal programs in fiscal 2019: Agriculture, Transportation and Urban Development, Financial Services, and Interior-Environment.

Senator Klobuchar, from Minnesota, has been long-time champion of snowmobiling and of the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). This amendment allow the RTP, as well as all Transportation Alternatives programs, to be eligible for additional funding. RTP projects, which have always been eligible for use of other state surface transportation funds, are specifically denied eligibility for funds added under the 2018 appropriations omnibus signed into law in March, 2018. This amendment is designed to remove that unfair restriction.

Please contact your Senators ASAP as the negotiations are now occurring.

This is the message to send:

As you know snowmobilers depend on the federal gas tax that we pay to fund portions of our state snowmobile programs. A portion is returned in the form of RTP to us here in Michigan.

Please support Senate Amendment 3538 to Senate Amendment 3399 to HR 6147 that Senator Klobuchar has introduced. This combines four appropriations bills for federal programs in fiscal 2019: Agriculture, Transportation and Urban Development, Financial Services, and Interior-Environment.

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Thank you for consideration and support.

Thanks

Martin Cottle

Think snow and keep the track side down! ❄️❄️❄️❄️❄️

Sent from my iPhone