

## **Model letter in support of H.R. 2771.**

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Dear [your U.S. Representative]:

Please support and co-sponsor H.R. 2771, which restores the seasonal recreational establishment exemption in the Fair Labor Standards Act for outfitters operating on public lands. The current exemption in the FLSA applies to seasonal recreational establishments but may not cover outfitters operating under permits on federal lands or those without establishments. Since these outfitted services are provided for several days in the backcountry, relief from the overtime provisions in the FLSA and from E.O. 13658 is necessary to preserve these jobs and the recreational opportunities that they sustain.

The increased labor costs to comply with E.O. 13658 for multi-day trips will require trip prices to be raised by 30% or more in some cases. The impact is greatest in wilderness areas where party sizes are often restricted. Outfitters would have to reduce the length of trips and cut the number of guides working on backcountry trips to avoid raising prices significantly to cover increased labor costs. When tips are counted our guides make a very respectable seasonal income.

Thank you for considering my views on H.R. 2771.