

January 31, 2022

To: Representative Gail Griffin

Re: HB2130, Reference Title: recreational users; property

Rep. Griffin:

Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation (AZSFWC) is a 501c-3 non-profit organization dedicated to wildlife conservation, habitat work, youth recruitment and retention, as well as educating outdoor enthusiasts on issues important to their passions. AZSFWC consists of 42 member, affiliate, and associate groups that reach across the spectrum of hunting, angling, shooting, outdoor recreation, and businesses from across Arizona. Our member groups represent more than 16,000 people from Arizona.

AZSFWC has long advocated for expanding recreational access to public land across Arizona. Sometimes gaining access can be a complicated process, but if it is granted, comes with some responsibility by the person or people who are recreating.

AZSFWC discussed your bill at our Board meeting on January 25, 2022. We unanimously agreed we were in favor of it as you've introduced it.

We can confidently say most of our members not only appreciate the access granted by landowners and lessees in Arizona, but also believe the ability to traverse those lands requires a measure of respect for the land, livestock, and improvements, as well as a responsibility to recreate safely in the process.

Thank you!

Yours in Conservation,

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