

Quotes of support for the *U.S. Foundation for International Conservation Act*:

“Once in a generation a new idea comes along that takes root in America to support natural resource management for the future,” **said David H. Barron, Founder of the International Conservation Caucus Foundation.** “Today, the United States Congress voted to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to provide conservation leadership support for national parks and protected areas in Africa, Asia, and Latin America for the benefit of their peoples, their communities, and their biodiversity. ICCF is proud to support the leadership of the International Conservation Caucus, and I applaud them, and our allies in Congress, for this key conservation victory.”

“The stability of communities, regions and the planet are directly linked to the health and sustainability of our natural world. The crises facing nature—such as drought, floods and loss of animal populations—are kindling for chaos. By conserving lands, waters and wildlife, we can enable a safer and more secure world. On its current trajectory, investment in international conservation—both domestically and abroad—isn’t nearly at the level needed to match the challenges we face. This act will change that trajectory, leveraging the private sector and philanthropic funding to maximize these investments’ impacts for nature and global security. We’re immensely grateful to the bipartisan, bicameral leadership in Congress over the years to get the act over the finish line. We look forward to working with the next administration to implement this critical investment in our future,” **said Jennifer Morris, CEO of The Nature Conservancy.**

“Today, many nations face similar challenges. They are rich in natural resources but constrained by limited funding and state capacity. The U.S. Foundation for International Conservation creates a new model for global development assistance and wildlife conservation. As an independent charitable organization it will also benefit from the oversight of select Cabinet officials, private donors and other experts on its governing board as it works to swiftly and efficiently address nature loss and wildlife trafficking, strengthen U.S. leadership, and promote stability in fragile regions. We applaud the efforts of Senator Coons and Senator Graham to shepherd this bill through Congress, and the leadership of Chairman Cardin and Ranking Member Risch in the Senate as well as Chairman McCaul and Ranking Member Meeks, and Congressman Dave Joyce in the House. This bipartisan effort underscores how protecting nature secures global stability and reinforces the United States’ role as a leader in conservation and diplomacy. Conservation remains a unifying force with the power to shape a more stable future for all of us,” **said the CEO of Conservation International, Dr. M. Sanjayan.**

“Every conservation dollar counts, and this innovative mechanism makes it count double. The new U.S. Foundation for International Conservation will leverage federal funds to bring more private sector dollars to the table, help us defend nature and the people who depend on it, and bolster American interests abroad,” **said Carter Roberts, President and CEO of WWF-US.** “WWF commends the bipartisan leadership of Senators Coons and Graham and Representatives McCaul, Meeks, and Joyce in advancing this bill into law. We will continue to work with champions in Congress and the new Foundation to ensure U.S. conservation investments deliver effective, long-term benefits that strengthen the security of both people and nature.”

“The bipartisan vote to establish the foundation demonstrates U.S. leadership in international conservation,” **said Tom Dillon, senior vice president for environment and cross-cutting initiatives at The Pew Charitable Trusts.** “The new foundation will promote sustainable development, protect significant natural areas, and enhance global stability by enabling the U.S. to strengthen conservation partnerships around the world. It is a critical commitment benefiting the planet and its people by leveraging private and public sector funds.”

“Democrats and Republicans in the Senate and House of Representatives have come together on groundbreaking legislation that will address ecological degradation that destabilizes and drives conflict around the world. The U.S. Foundation for International Conservation Act and the WILD Act are important steps to advance U.S. economic and security interests across the globe. Saving nature and advancing conservation measures have long been a bipartisan effort in our country. Passage of the WILD Act and USFICA ensures the U.S. will continue to be a leader in global efforts to advance natural security for people and wildlife,” **said Wildlife Conservation Society's Executive Vice President for Public Affairs John Calvelli.**

“The African Wildlife Foundation commends Senators Coons and Graham, along with Representative McCaul, Meeks, and Joyce, for their leadership and unwavering commitment to conservation through the passage of the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation Act. This bipartisan achievement highlights the transformative power of collaboration in addressing the critical challenges facing our planet. It represents a groundbreaking step forward, ensuring that well-managed conservation areas receive long term support to conserve biodiversity while fostering locally-led solutions, global stability, economic growth, and U.S. leadership on the world stage. This is not just a victory for conservation—it is a profound investment in our shared future, safeguarding the natural resources that underpin human survival, prosperity, and security. The African Wildlife Foundation is proud to support this visionary initiative that embodies the best of American values and global stewardship,” **said Kaddu Sebunya, CEO, African Wildlife Foundation.**

“With Honor Action was delighted to mobilize bipartisan veterans in Congress and a national coalition of veteran service organizations to help pass this innovative public-private partnership that will strengthen our democratic allies through cost-efficient conservation. It is a testament to the quality of the bill that it passed the House with the second highest number of bipartisan co-sponsors to any other bill in this year’s NDAA, including an endorsement of the For Country Caucus, where it was championed by House Rep. John James and the caucus Co-Chairs Reps. Jason Crow and Tony Gonzales,” **said Rye Barcott, Co-Founder and CEO, With Honor Action.**

“Safari Club International (SCI) commends Congress for passing the bipartisan legislation to create the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation (USFIC). SCI and our global membership consider this nothing short of a landmark development that further solidifies America as a global leader in habitat and wildlife conservation. SCI has long advocated for a wholistic response to the loss of global habitat and biodiversity, which has been and continues to be the biggest threat to wildlife species. By combining public and private dollars to provide incentives for communities across the globe to protect these crucial areas, the USFIC is poised to

provide the most effective, financially sound solutions to conservation's biggest problems," **said W. Laird Hamberlin, CEO, Safari Club International.**

"The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation (CSF) is excited to see the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation (USFIC) head to the President's desk to become law. USFIC represents a thoughtful, bipartisan effort to leverage public-private partnerships to provide on-the-ground resources to enhance the conservation of natural resources around the world," **said CSF President and CEO Jeff Crane.** "CSF thanks Senators Coons and Graham as well as Reps. McCaul, Meeks, Joyce, among others, including many members of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, for their leadership to make this bill a reality."

"The Wild Sheep Foundation is proud and grateful for the leadership of Senators Coons and Graham, Representatives McCaul, Meeks, and Joyce, and the many sponsors and supporters of USFICA. By expanding wild sheep populations overseas and in North America, we have learned firsthand the necessity of combined public and private funding, professional management for conserved areas, building on local commitments, and delivering ecological benefits and community needs for food, water, and other resources. These are the strengths that the U.S. Foundation for International Conservation is designed to provide. By assisting U.S. allies in safeguarding the natural resources on which they rely, the Foundation strengthens U.S. national security against the corrupting intentions of Russia and China to degrade, defraud, and destabilize legitimate governments," **said Gray N. Thornton, President and CEO, Wild Sheep Foundation.**