

I voted yes on H.R. 4089, the Sportsmen's Heritage Act.

It brings together several important proposals that will foster recreational outdoor hobbies and provide opportunities for our children and grandchildren to continue to enjoy the tradition and excitement of such natural pastimes. It preserves the rights of American sportsmen to hunt and fish on public lands, removes unnecessary government roadblocks, and provides protection against regulations that threaten to block or limit access to hunting and fishing. The bill will support economic growth and provide protections for American jobs by supporting recreational activities on federal lands. It will also reiterate and clarify existing law to protect the use of traditional fishing tackle and ammunition from burdensome regulations by the Environmental Protection Agency.

We're blessed to have so many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in Upstate, and I'm working hard in Congress to ensure that these resources remain accessible for generations of Central New Yorkers to enjoy. As a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus and co-sponsor of H.R. 4089, I believe that we need to conserve our environment and enjoy its gifts without the burden of excessive government regulation, and supported the protections that the Sportsmen's Heritage Act provides to all who take pleasure in the simple joys of our outdoors.

The bill was approved by a vote of 274 – 146.