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To reauthorize wildlife habitat and conservation programs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. JOYCE of Ohio (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. GARBARINO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Wildlife Innovation
5 and Longevity Driver reauthorization Act” or the “WILD
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE ACT.**

2 Section 5 of the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Act
3 (16 U.S.C. 3774) is amended by striking “2019 through
4 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

5 **SEC. 3. AFRICAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT.**

6 (a) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—Section 2101 of the
7 African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4211) is
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

10 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may
11 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a
12 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to
13 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-
14 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation
15 strategy for African elephants and the habitat of Af-
16 rican elephants.

17 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-
18 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an
19 annual basis.”.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
21 2306(a) of the African Elephant Conservation Act (16
22 U.S.C. 4245(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through
23 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

24 **SEC. 4. ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ACT OF 1997.**

25 (a) ASIAN ELEPHANT CONSERVATION ASSIST-
26 ANCE.—Section 5 of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act

1 of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 4264) is amended by adding at the
2 end the following:

3 “(i) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

4 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may
5 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a
6 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to
7 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-
8 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation
9 strategy for Asian elephants and the habitat of
10 Asian elephants.

11 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-
12 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an
13 annual basis.”.

14 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 8(a) of the Asian Elephant Conservation Act of 1997 (16
16 U.S.C. 4266(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through
17 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

18 **SEC. 5. RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ACT OF**

19 **1994.**

20 (a) RHINOCEROS AND TIGER CONSERVATION ASSIST-
21 ANCE.—Section 5 of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conserva-
22 tion Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5304) is amended by adding
23 at the end the following:

24 “(g) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—

1 “(1) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary may
2 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a
3 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to
4 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-
5 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation
6 strategy for rhinoceroses or tigers and the habitat of
7 rhinoceroses or tigers.

8 “(2) EFFECT.—Nothing in this subsection pre-
9 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an
10 annual basis.”.

11 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
12 10(a) of the Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act of
13 1994 (16 U.S.C. 5306(a)) is amended by striking “2019
14 through 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

15 **SEC. 6. GREAT APE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2000.**

16 (a) MULTIYEAR GRANTS.—Section 4(j)(1) of the
17 Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
18 6303(j)(1)) is amended by inserting “of up to 5 years”
19 after “multiyear grant”.

20 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
21 6 of the Great Ape Conservation Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C.
22 6305) is amended by striking “2019 through 2023” and
23 inserting “2024 through 2028”.

1 **SEC. 7. MARINE TURTLE CONSERVATION ACT OF 2004.**

2 (a) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—Section 4 of the Marine
3 Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16 U.S.C. 6603) is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(h) **MULTIYEAR GRANTS.**—

6 “(1) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Secretary may
7 award to a person who is otherwise eligible for a
8 grant under this section a multiyear grant of up to
9 5 years to carry out a project that the person dem-
10 onstrates is an effective, long-term conservation
11 strategy for marine turtles, freshwater turtles, or
12 tortoises and the habitat of marine turtles, fresh-
13 water turtles, or tortoises.

14 “(2) **EFFECT.**—Nothing in this subsection pre-
15 cludes the Secretary from awarding a grant on an
16 annual basis.”.

17 (b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Section
18 7(a) of the Marine Turtle Conservation Act of 2004 (16
19 U.S.C. 6606(a)) is amended by striking “2019 through
20 2023” and inserting “2024 through 2028”.

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