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Governor Jay Inslee
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Dear Gov. Inslee,

I am writing on behalf of the statewide [Childhood Obesity Prevention Coalition](http://www.copcwa.org) where we are always on the lookout for policy solutions that make the healthy choice easier for our children and all WA citizens. We are writing to urge you to sign into law **ESSB 5843, Concerning Outdoor Recreation**. This bill enjoyed wide bipartisan support.

We need **all** sectors of our society to engage in building healthier communities, and our outdoor recreation is no exception. We now know that “place” matters, meaning that how we build our physical infrastructure impacts our individual behaviors, habits and health. Providing better access to outdoor recreation is part of a healthy “place” and this bill can deliver on that promise.

Let’s give our kids and adults the best opportunities we can to engage in regular physical activity. **ESSB 5843** is not just access, economic development and job growth; it is also a smart investment in health.

For all of the reasons stated above, we hope you will please sign this bill into law and help us create a healthier and more sustainable Washington. We thank you for your consideration, and invite you to contact us with any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Victor Colman'.

Victor Colman, Director
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