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Friends of Fly Rod Crosby P.O. Box 491 South Freeport, ME 04078

Dear Friends of Fly Rod Crosby,

Thank you for working to honor one of Maine's greatest outdoorsmen and environmental advocates, Ms. Cornelia "Fly Rod" Crosby. Over the course of her remarkable career, Fly Rod Crosby championed safer hunting practices, advocated for conservation-minded policies, and helped spark a surge in tourism to our wonderful state, all while breaking barriers for women in the late 1800s.

Fly Rod Crosby, an accomplished hunter and angler in a field then dominated by men, Crosby campaigned for the establishment of licensing requirements to ensure that guides were properly trained before leading clients into Maine's remote wilderness. In recognition of those efforts, she became the very first Registered Maine Guide.

Through her published articles and speaking engagements, Fly Rod Crosby inspired visitors from across the country to experience—and ultimately protect—Maine's natural beauty and tradition of hunting and fishing. Her legacy of conservation continues to benefit our forests, waters, and wildlife today.

As an enjoyer of the great Maine outdoors myself, I support your effort to honor Fly Rod Crosby at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. This tribute will provide the public with an engaging window into Maine's sporting heritage and the conservation ethic that Fly Rod Crosby embodied. Thank you again for your effort to honor her legacy.

Sincerely,

Angus S. King, Jr.

United States Senator