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The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests,
and Mining
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Barrasso:

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Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack
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The Honorable Joseph Manchin
Chair
Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests,
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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
125 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Jack Reed
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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The Honorable James Moran
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Timothy Walz
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy,
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Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chair
Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy,
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Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1301 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Raúl M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Public Lands and
Environmental Regulation
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
H2-186 Ford House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1017 Longworth House Office Building
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