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The Honorable Ken Calvert
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable James Moran
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Chair, Committee on Indian Affairs
United States Senate
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Vice Chair, Committee on Indian Affairs
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Chairwoman, Committee on Energy and
Natural Resources
United States Senate
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The Honorable Peter A. DeFazio
Ranking Minority Member
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Collin C. Peterson
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