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Washington, D.C. 20250

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The Honorable John Tester  
Chairman  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
United States Senate  
838 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Subcommittee on Public Lands  
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Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1017 Longworth House Office Building  
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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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Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Conservation,  
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Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1305 Longworth House Office Building  
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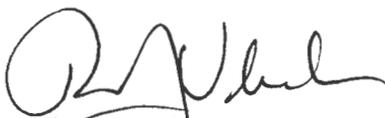
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Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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