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The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman
Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6158

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The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chairman
Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry
Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1336 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6001

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The Honorable Tim Holden
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry
Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1305 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Holden:

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Chairman
Subcommittee on the Interior, Environment,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6015

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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6015

Dear Congressman Moran:

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United States Senate
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6033

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
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Committee on Natural Resources
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Ranking Member
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H2-182 Ford House Office Building
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