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Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20250

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Chair
Committee on Indian Affairs
United States Senate
838 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Sincerely,

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Vice Chair
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The Honorable Rob Bishop
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U.S. House of Representatives
1017 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Raul M. Grijalva
Ranking Member
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Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
H2-186 Ford House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Grijalva:

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The Honorable Joe Manchin
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The Honorable Glenn Thompson
Chair
Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Forestry
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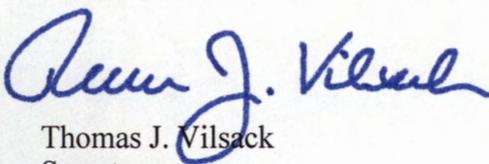
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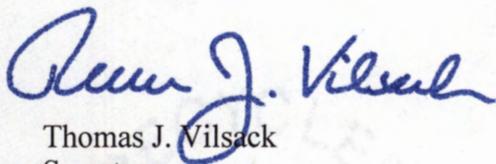
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