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The Honorable Betty McCollum
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
U.S. House of Representatives
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman McCollum:

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Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

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The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
B-308 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Ron Wyden
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. 20515

Dear Senator Wyden:

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Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and  
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The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
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Washington, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies
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The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Conservation and
Forestry Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
1305 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Grisham:

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The Honorable Niki Tsongas
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Subcommittee on Federal Lands Committee on Natural Resources
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