The Honorable John Barrasso  
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. 20510

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Committee on Appropriations  
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1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Ranking Member  
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