

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chair  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
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June 3, 2019

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,  
The undersigned hunting, fishing, conservation, and outdoor recreation organizations are writing to offer our collective support for the nomination of Rob Wallace to be Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior.

The Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks oversees the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, which collectively manage 170 million acres of public lands critical to fish and wildlife habitat, hunting and fishing, and outdoor recreation. In addition, the position oversees complex issues such as migratory bird management, implementation of the Endangered Species Act, and the international trade in wildlife.

Rob Wallace is an exemplary nominee for the position of Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. His vast work experience includes senior staff positions in Congress and in the Administration, including Assistant Director of the National Park Service. Rob also served as Wyoming Governor Jim Geringer's chief of staff and he fundamentally understands the important partnership between the states and the federal government when it comes to managing fish and wildlife, and our nation's public lands.

Rob also has critical experience in the private sector. He oversaw government relations for GE Energy, which gave him important experience in the development of both traditional and clean energy resources. Most recently, as a partner at i2 Capital, Rob has been intimately involved in creating market mechanisms to advance sage grouse conservation in the West.

Finally, Rob practices what he will preach as Assistant Secretary. He began his career as a backcountry ranger for the National Park Service, is an avid hunter and angler, and has always been an active user of, and advocate for, America's iconic public landscape. In short, it would be hard to find anyone with stronger experience, temperament and judgement for the position than Rob Wallace, and we strongly support his nomination.

The position of Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks has been vacant for almost a decade for years, through multiple administrations. It is time to put politics aside and quickly confirm Rob Wallace on behalf of all Americans who care about public lands and well managed fish and wildlife.

Sincerely,  
American Fly Fishing Trade Association  
American Sportfishing Association  
Angler Action Foundation  
Archery Trade Association  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Backcountry Hunters and Anglers  
Boone and Crockett Club

California Waterfowl Association  
Camp Fire Club of America  
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation  
Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports  
Dallas Safari Club  
Delta Waterfowl  
Ducks Unlimited  
Houston Safari Club  
Masters of Foxhounds  
Mule Deer Foundation  
National Association of Forest Service Retirees  
National Deer Alliance  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Pheasants Forever  
Pope & Young Club  
Professional Outfitters and Guides of America  
Quail Forever  
Quality Deer Management Association  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Safari Club International  
Sportsmen's Alliance  
Student Conservation Association  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
Wildlife Mississippi