

February 22, 2021

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso,

As the Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources considers the nomination of Representative Deb Haaland of New Mexico to be the next Secretary of the Interior, the undersigned organizations representing millions of hunters, anglers, natural resource professionals, and outdoor enthusiasts across the nation, offer our support for her nomination and confirmation on the Senate floor.

During her tenure in the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Haaland has been a steadfast advocate for our nation's lands and waters. She has worked with the hunting and angling community to protect and expand access for all Americans and helped to pass landmark, bipartisan conservation legislation during the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress, most notably the *Great American Outdoors Act*, the *America's Conservation Enhancement Act*, and the *John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation Management and Recreation Act*. We look forward to working with her to implement these achievements and make advancements on issues such as conservation funding, public land access, big game migration corridors, habitat restoration, species conservation, and wildlife diseases.

We not only appreciate Congresswoman Haaland's recognition of the role of sportsmen and women in continuing the successes of fish and wildlife conservation, but believe her lifelong advocacy for good stewardship of our natural resources provides Congresswoman Haaland with a unique perspective that will benefit Americans and their public lands and waters. We believe that her commitment to unite and engage stakeholders from across the conservation community, including states, hunters, and anglers will serve her well once confirmed as the next Secretary of the Interior.

We are confident that, as Secretary of the Interior, Congresswoman Haaland will continue to be an advocate for our nation's public lands and waters and the Americans – including hunters and anglers – that enjoy them, and we are eager to work with her once she is confirmed. We urge your support in her nomination hearing and for her expeditious confirmation on the Senate floor.

Sincerely,

American Sportfishing Association  
American Woodcock Society  
Angler Action Foundation  
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies  
Archery Trade Association  
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers  
Bonefish & Tarpon Trust

Campfire Club of America  
Ducks Unlimited  
Fly Fishers International  
Izaak Walton League of America  
National Deer Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Wildlife Federation  
National Wildlife Refuge Association  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
Native American Fish and Wildlife Association  
North American Grouse Partnership  
Orion: The Hunter's Institute  
Outdoor Industry Association  
Pheasants Forever  
Pope and Young Club  
Quail Forever  
Ruffed Grouse Society  
The Conservation Fund  
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership  
The Wildlife Society  
Whitetails Unlimited  
Wildlife Forever  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Wildlife Mississippi  
Wild Salmon Center