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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 116th 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