

November 1, 2021

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

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, which together represent millions of hunters and anglers all across the United States, we would like to express our support for the confirmation of Ms. Laura Daniel-Davis to serve as the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Ms. Daniel-Davis is an avid outdoorswoman who enjoys hiking and kayaking. She understands the important role hunters and anglers play in conservation, and has decades of experience working with diverse groups to advance durable and bipartisan conservation solutions. Over the course of thirteen years in various leadership positions within the Department of the Interior, Ms. Daniel-Davis worked on all significant issues that came before the Department. This included expanding hunting and angling opportunities on National Wildlife Refuges, responsible energy development, salmon recovery through restoration of the Klamath River basin, and implementation of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Prior to being named the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at Interior, Ms. Daniel-Davis served as the National Wildlife Federation's Chief of Policy and Advocacy. In that role, she worked with Congress and myriad stakeholders on bipartisan legislation that directly benefit hunters and anglers. Some of the legislation included the permanent authorization and funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund and a federal wildfire funding fix to aid in forest restoration on millions of acres of public land. She also supported Recovering America's Wildlife Act, which when passed will ensure states have the resources they need to continue being effective stewards of our wildlife resource.

Ms. Daniel-Davis's extensive experience working in the Department of the Interior, and with multiple stakeholders across the country, make her uniquely qualified for this important position. We urge your committee to confirm Laura Daniel-Davis as the next Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management at the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Sincerely,

Archery Trade Association
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Izaak Walton League of America

National Deer Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Federation
Orion: the Hunter's Institute
The Conservation Fund
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Wild Sheep Foundation