The Honorable Betty McCollum  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2007 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. Chairwoman:

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Sincerely,

Sonny Perdue  
Secretary

Enclosure
The Honorable Tom Udall  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment,  
and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
125 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Ranking Member Udall:

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Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
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Dear Ranking Member Joyce:  

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Enclosure
The Honorable Don Young  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on National Parks,  
    Forests and Public Lands  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1329 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  20515

Dear Ranking Member Young:

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Committee on Natural Resources
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Enclosure
The Honorable Michael Lee  
Chair  
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

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Public Lands,  
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Committee on Energy and Natural Resources  
United States Senate  
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Enclosure
The Honorable Abigail Spanberger  
Chair  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1301 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry  
Committee on Agriculture  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Enclosure
The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chair  
Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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