November 26, 2021

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
131 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact the Office of Congressional Relations at (202) 720–7095. A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

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Ranking Member  
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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