November 2, 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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Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

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Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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