April 12, 2022

The Honorable Jeff Merkley  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. Senate  
S-128, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C.  20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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A similar letter is being sent to Ranking Member Lisa Murkowski.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary

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

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Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies  
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1016 Longworth House Office Building  
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