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The Hon. Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
U.S. Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

Americans for Limited Government strongly urges your support for the nomination of Katharine MacGregor to be Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

Americans for Limited Government is dedicated to limiting the size and scope of government, and given that the Interior Department oversees about one-fifth of the land in the United States, we take a very strong interest in the activities and operations in the Department.

That is why we are so enthusiastic about Ms. MacGregor's nomination. Her career has been dedicated to sound and balanced resource management policies, and she will be an incredible asset to meeting the vision of the Interior Department to:

- *Promote energy security and critical minerals development* to create jobs for Americans, insulate our nation from volatile political developments overseas, provide additional energy security to allies via surplus domestic supply, and generate revenue for all levels of government so they in turn have the resources to better serve the American people.
- *Increase access to outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans* so that our people can be healthier, more fully enjoy the wonderful features of their federal lands, and take advantage of hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation pursuits that are the roots of the conservation movement.
- *Enhance conservation stewardship* whereby all levels of government and private landowners work cooperatively together in an atmosphere of mutual respect to achieve shared natural resource management goals across landscapes.

- *Improve management of species and their habitats* by focusing our financial and staff resources on improving the status of our nation's fish and wildlife and the healthy habitats that support them, and by streamlining bureaucracy to help us spend relatively more of our funding productively on the ground to better meet societal needs and our own natural resource management responsibilities.
- *Uphold trust and related responsibilities*, recognizing the importance of government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, Alaska Natives, and insular areas, and respecting self-determination and sovereignty.

Ms. MacGregor's Capitol Hill experience working on resource and land issues will be a tremendous asset in this new role, and her proven administrative capacity demonstrated through her current successful tenure at Interior has given her a breadth of understanding of the inner workings of the Department which lay the foundation for success.

America will benefit from Katharine MacGregor's leadership as she assists Secretary David Bernhardt and President Trump in carrying out the important mission entrusted to them at the Department of Interior.

We urge your support for Katharine MacGregor's confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Manning". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Richard Manning
President
Americans for Limited Government