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U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

As faith leaders from a broad spectrum of religious traditions we recognize that divine glory is revealed to us by the beauty and majesty of creation. The faith community hears the call to environmental stewardship along with the need to care for and love our neighbors and children.

Land conservation plays an important role in countering climate change and ensuring clean air and water. We know that how we take care of our public lands is part of how we take care of each other. As people of faith committed to justice and caring for creation, we are heartened to see Ms. Haaland's nomination, who we believe will incorporate these principles into the management of public lands.

We urge you to confirm Rep. Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior so that she lead the agency in ways that will champion environmental justice and help implement President Biden's bold climate change policy. Rep. Haaland has worked to elevate Indigenous voices and brings attention to the work to protect Native lands. Our public lands—the places where we play and pray—need to be accessible to all, respect different cultures and histories and engage all people.

The work of the Department of the Interior, which stewards public lands, is one of great importance and we are confident that Rep. Haaland will meet this challenge and lead the agency to benefit current and future generations.

Sincerely,

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