

January XX, 2021

Your Senator's Address

Dear Senator _____:

I endorse the selection of Rep. Deb Haaland to be the next Secretary of the Interior. I ask that you support this historic nomination when it comes before the Senate.

An enrolled citizen of the Laguna Pueblo, Rep. Haaland would be the first Indigenous person to hold a cabinet position. As a Cherokee citizen, I am proud of this historic nomination. Native voices bring unique perspectives to vital discussions, and more often than not have a deeper understanding of the way federal initiatives impact Tribal citizens and Tribal governments.

Rep. Haaland is not only a historic pick—she is the right pick for this position. She understands sovereignty and appreciates the trust relationship and our nation's treaty obligations. She recognizes the importance of Tribal businesses and knows how these businesses can be an economic engine for states, rural regions, and impoverished areas. She boasts public and private sector experience in relevant Tribal and land issues, and a record of working across the aisle to get things done. During her time in Congress, she built meaningful relationships with House and Senate Republicans and worked hard to find common ground on tough issues.

Rep. Haaland cares deeply about rural and western communities and comes from a family of hunters, farmers, and ranchers. She is a team player, and will take a balanced approach on energy and sustainability matters. Without question, Rep. Haaland will be an Interior Secretary for all of America because she shares our common bond: a love of our land and waters and a deep desire to protect them for generations to come.

I urge you to vote yes on Rep. Haaland's nomination.

Sincerely,

[INSERT YOUR NAME HERE]

cc: Cherokee Nation