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November 1, 2021

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and
Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chair Carper and Ranking Member Capito,

The undersigned organizations, which represent millions of hunters, anglers, and wildlife enthusiasts are writing to express our strong support for Martha Williams to serve as Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Prior to her nomination, Williams worked for the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, serving as Director from 2017 to 2020. In this position, she demonstrated a strong commitment to solving complex wildlife problems while also balancing the management of Montana's extensive public lands and its diverse users. As a former director, Williams understands the important roles of state fish and wildlife agencies. Additionally, Williams served at the Department of the Interior as Deputy Solicitor for Parks and Wildlife between 2011 and 2013, providing legal counsel to the Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service. Her experiences in state and federal government position her well to deal with the complex challenges of fisheries and wildlife management and conservation that we are currently facing.

Williams has a proven track record of working across the aisle to achieve robust conservation outcomes. Further, she has always sought the input of hunter and angler-conservationists and utilized their guidance to inform important policy decisions. For these reasons, we urge your committee to advance Martha Williams' confirmation, so that the Senate may quickly act to confirm her for this critical position.

Sincerely,

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