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The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairman Manchin and Ranking Member Barrasso:

We, federally-recognized tribes in Virginia, are pleased to urge Senate confirmation of Rep. Deb Haaland as Secretary of the Interior.

As an enrolled member of the Laguna Pueblo and with extensive experience advocating for tribes, Rep. Haaland brings personal and professional qualifications to the role of Secretary of the Interior. With Rep. Haaland at the helm of the cabinet agency with direct jurisdiction over many programs critical to Indian country, we are confident that the interests of Native communities will be well-represented at the highest levels of the United States government.

Through her work in the House Natural Resources Committee, Rep. Haaland has demonstrated a commitment to improving the trust relationship with tribal communities. We believe that Rep. Haaland's leadership is critical to refining government-to-government tribal consultation policies and honoring the trust responsibility the United States has to tribes.

Rep. Haaland's is eminently qualified to serve as Secretary of the Interior. We respectfully urge you to vote in support of Rep. Haaland's nomination, and we appreciate your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

Chickahominy Indians Eastern Division
Chickahominy Tribe
Monacan Indian Nation

Nansemond Indian Nation
Rappahannock Tribe
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

cc: Members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee