

October 23, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources 522 Hart Senate Office Building

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources 306 Hart Senate Office Building

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP) is a national conservation organization working to guarantee all American's a quality place to hunt and fish. We work collectively with our nearly 100,000 members and 60 individual partner organizations to advance conservation policies at the federal level, and much of our emphasis is placed on public lands and programs administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior. We are writing to express our support for the confirmation of Ms. Katharine MacGregor to become the next Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

The U.S. Department of the Interior has 10 major bureaus, 70,000 employees and manages more than 500 million acres, lands that form the backbone of the \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy and provide much of the nation's energy resources, wildlife habitat, grazing lands and minerals. Moreover, the Department manages the water for much of the western United States and has the lead responsibility to ensure that threatened and endangered species are protected and recovered.

Ms. MacGregor is clearly qualified for the Deputy Secretary position. She is currently serving as Deputy Chief of Staff, exercising the authority of the Deputy Secretary. She has held numerous positions at DOI since 2017, including Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Lands and Minerals Management. Ms. MacGregor has also held important staff positions in the House of Representatives, and she has a strong understanding of natural resource laws and issues.

The TRCP has worked with Ms. MacGregor on various DOI initiatives, including implementation of the Secretarial Orders on hunting and fishing and advancing new policies and funding streams for migration corridors and crossings. We have found her to be accessible and willing to consider the perspectives of sportsmen and women, and we encourage the Senate to move forward with her confirmation as Deputy Secretary.

Thank you for your consideration of our input on this important nomination for the DOI Deputy Secretary position.

Sincerely,

Whit Fosburgh
President and Chief Executive Officer
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership