August 7th, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Senate Environment & Public Works
Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Environment & Public Works
Committee
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and other outdoor enthusiasts that our organizations represent, we are writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Throughout her public service in the Department of the Interior, as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Ms. Skipwith has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Her accomplishments include expanding access for hunting and fishing, recognizing Urban National Wildlife Refuges, and designating sites on the African American Civil Rights Network.

If confirmed, Ms. Skipwith would be the first African American to serve as Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service marking a historic moment, not only for wildlife conservation, but for the nation as well. Additionally, her experience in the private sector has given her a keen understanding for the use of public-private partnerships to achieve favorable wildlife conservation outcomes. Ms. Skipwith will work diligently to enforce the nation’s wildlife laws while improving relations with local governments and sportsmen.

We urge you to approve the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith, so that the Senate may act to quickly confirm her as the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.
Sincerely,

American Woodcock Society
Archery Trade Association
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Congressional Sportsmen’s Foundation
Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports
Delta Waterfowl Foundation
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
Mule Deer Foundation
National Rifle Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Wild Turkey Federation
North American Falconers Association
North American Grouse Partnership
Pheasants Forever
Pope and Young Club
Professional Guides and Outfitters of America
Quail Forever
Quality Deer Management Association
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Safari Club International
Sportsmen’s Alliance
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Mississippi