

January 12, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and outdoor enthusiasts from all 50 states that our organizations represent, we write today to express our support for Senate confirmation of Congressman Ryan Zinke's appointment to serve as the 52nd Secretary of the Interior.

Since he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2014, Congressman Zinke has been an active member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. In this role, he has shown a strong commitment to working with the sportsmen's community in pursuit of policies that seek a balanced and thoughtful approach to natural resource and public land management. His efforts also highlight the importance of outdoor recreation and recognize the critically important role that America's sportsmen and women play in conserving our nation's fish and wildlife resources.

Given these shared priorities and Congressman Zinke's demonstrated ability to work alongside America's millions of hunters, anglers and other conservationists, we respectfully request that members of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources report his nomination to the Senate with a favorable recommendation.

Sincerely,

American Fly Fishing Trade Association
American Sportfishing Association
Archery Trade Association
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies
Boone and Crockett Club
Camp Fire Club of America
Cath-A-Dream Foundation
Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation
Conservation Force
Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports
Dallas Safari Club
Delta Waterfowl Foundation
Ducks Unlimited
Houston Safari Club
Masters of Foxhounds Association
Mule Deer Foundation
National Rifle Association

National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Trappers Association
National Wild Turkey Federation
National Wildlife Refuge Association
North American Grouse Partnership
Orion – The Hunter’s Institute
Pheasants Forever
Professional Outfitters and Guides of America
Public Lands Foundation
Pure Fishing
Quail Forever
Quality Deer Management Association
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
Ruffed Grouse Society
Safari Club International
Shimano American Corporation
Sportsmen’s Alliance
Texas Wildlife Association
The Conservation Fund
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership
Whitetails Unlimited
Wild Sheep Foundation
Wildlife Forever
Wildlife Management Institute
Wildlife Mississippi