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The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Carper  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). Ms. Skipwith is highly qualified to serve in this role and we look forward to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee advancing her nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

Ms. Skipwith has a distinguished career as a public servant and is an expert on fish, wildlife, and natural habitat policy and regulation. Ms. Skipwith currently serves as DOI's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and has worked closely with stakeholders to provide appropriate guidance for implementing sound federal policy regarding the management and conservation of public lands and wildlife. She has also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Agency for International Development.

In addition, Ms. Skipwith's experience in the private and non-profit sectors has provided her with the knowledge and expertise to implement federal policy objectives. For example, prior to her time at DOI, she founded an agricultural value chain platform that united small farmers and multinational buyers with the tools needed to meet the growing demand for food.

Ms. Skipwith's confirmation would provide FWS with the key leadership and experience needed at DOI to manage important federal policies. As such, we urge you to swiftly act on Ms. Skipwith's nomination.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee