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The Honorable John Hoeven  
Chairman  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall  
Vice Chairman  
Committee on Indian Affairs  
United States Senate  
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Dear Chairman Hoeven and Vice Chairman Udall:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the nomination of Tara Sweeney as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs at the Department of Interior.

Ms. Sweeney would bring a wealth of experience to the position, having been engaged on a host of policy issues important to Indian Country with two decades of leadership positions at the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation.

She is a long-serving board member as well as past co-chair of the Alaska Federation of Natives, whose goal is to encourage economic development consistent with the needs of Alaska Natives.

Ms. Sweeney is also active internationally; she is a past chair of the Arctic Economic Council, an international organization focused on growing business and economic development in Arctic nations.

The Chamber has also had a long relationship with Ms. Sweeney. Her leadership encouraged the Chamber to create the Native American Enterprise Initiative, which focusses on crucial economic issues confronting tribally owned businesses and Native American-owned enterprises.

The Chamber strongly supports Ms. Sweeney's nomination and urges swift consideration by the Committee.

Sincerely,



Neil Bradley

cc: Members of the Committee on Indian Affairs