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To the Members of the United States Senate:

As the U.S. Senate considers the nomination of Governor Doug Burgum to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S Chamber of Commerce offers the following observations. Governor Burgum's long record of success in both the public and private sectors demonstrates his qualifications to serve as Secretary. As governor of North Dakota, he was praised for his pragmatic style and collaborative work with diverse groups of stakeholders, including on important federal lands and natural resource issues under the purview of the Department of Interior. We urge quick consideration by the Senate of Governor Burgum's nomination and look forward to working with him upon his confirmation.

During his confirmation hearing, Mr. Burgum displayed a clear understanding of the critical balance between environmental stewardship and economic growth, earning strong bipartisan support from members of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. His commitment to revisiting current land use policies reflects a common-sense approach to developing America's energy and natural resources while ensuring responsible management of nearly one-fifth of the nation's lands.

We look forward to working with Governor Burgum to secure his balanced vision of advancing environmental stewardship and economic growth. Thank you for considering his nomination.

Sincerely,

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