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

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich,

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, professional wildlife scientists, and outdoor enthusiasts represented by our organizations, we are writing to express our strong support for the nomination of Kathleen Sgamma to serve as the next Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) within the Department of the Interior. With her extensive career experience and her demonstrated commitment to collaborative land management, we believe Ms. Sgamma is well-positioned to lead the BLM in fulfilling its multiple-use mission, which sustains hunting, fishing, recreation, and the BLM's broader stewardship of public lands.

Ms. Sgamma's leadership as President of the Western Energy Alliance has showcased her expertise in balancing energy development with an ability to engage with diverse stakeholders, including conservation groups, to address complex land-use challenges. Her pragmatic approach is evident in her work on greater sage-grouse conservation, where she has advocated for balanced management plans that align federal efforts with state-led initiatives. For example, she supported amendments to the BLM's sage-grouse habitat plans in 2019, emphasizing flexibility to protect habitat while ensuring economic vitality for Western communities—a stance that reflects the needs of sportsmen and women who rely on healthy sagebrush ecosystems for hunting and wildlife viewing.

In addition, Ms. Sgamma has been an advocate for wildlife migration corridors, working to ensure that both ecological and economic needs are considered in land-use decisions. Her efforts to incorporate wildlife-movement into federal policy show her forward-thinking approach to addressing habitat fragmentation and supporting species preservation.

In addition to her industry background, Ms. Sgamma brings a collaborative mindset that will serve the BLM's multiple-use mission well. Her efforts to bridge the interests of energy producers and conservationists demonstrate her capacity to maintain access to public lands for recreation while supporting their ecological integrity. As Director, she will oversee nearly 245 million acres critical to hunters, anglers, and recreationists, and we are confident she will approach this role with transparency and a commitment to the diverse uses that define the BLM's mandate.

In summary, Kathleen Sgamma will bring a thoughtful, inclusive, and practical perspective to the Bureau of Land Management. Her experience and collaborative approach, including her engagement on sage-grouse conservation and wildlife migration initiatives, will enable her to lead the agency effectively, ensuring that our public lands remain a resource for all Americans. With her

Senate confirmation hearing scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, we urge the Committee to support Ms. Sgamma's nomination to serve as the next Director of the BLM.

Sincerely,

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