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Honorable John Cornyn
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Subject: Confirmation of Debra Haaland as Secretary of the Department of the Interior

Dear Senator Cornyn:

On behalf of the Lipan Apache Tribe, we respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Representative Debra Haaland as the Secretary of the Department of Interior (DOI). Representative Haaland's leadership skills throughout her career and her strong voice as an American Indian woman and leader have well prepared her for managing this department's thousands of employees, the Nation's trust responsibilities to American Indians and Alaska Natives, and our natural and mineral resources on federal lands. Much of these federal lands are the ancestral homelands of our Native Nations and, thus, are often viewed as part of our sacred history, vital to many of our sacred ceremonies. As an American Indian woman, Representative Haaland is uniquely qualified to serve as the secretary of the interior. She has the critical world view needed in the DOI to insightfully understand trust relationships, sovereignty, and other matters important to American Indian people. Certainly, she is the right person for this job.

Thus, on behalf of the Lipan Apache Tribe, we urge you to support the confirmation Debra Haaland as the new secretary of the DOI. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Lipan Apache Tribe Tribal Council
(also known as the Lipan Apache Tribe of Texas)

Authorized Signature:


Bernard F. Barcena Jr., Chairman

Date of Letter:

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