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National Shooting Sports Foundation \* National Wild Turkey Federation \* North  
American Falconers Association \* North American Grouse Partnership \* Pheasants  
Forever \* Pope and Young Club \* Professional Guides and Outfitters of America \* Quail  
Forever \* Quality Deer Management Association \* Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
Ruffed Grouse Society \* Safari Club International \* Sportsmen's Alliance \* Theodore  
Roosevelt Conservation Partnership \* Wild Sheep Foundation  
Wildlife Forever \* Wildlife Mississippi**

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso  
Chairman  
Senate Environment & Public Works  
Committee  
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper  
Ranking Member  
Senate Environment & Public Works  
Committee  
456 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

On behalf of the millions of hunters, anglers, recreational shooters, and other outdoor enthusiasts that our organizations represent, we are writing to express our strong support for the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Throughout her public service in the Department of the Interior, as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Ms. Skipwith has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Her accomplishments include expanding access for hunting and fishing, recognizing Urban National Wildlife Refuges, and designating sites on the African American Civil Rights Network.

If confirmed, Ms. Skipwith would be the first African American to serve as Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service marking a historic moment, not only for wildlife conservation, but for the nation as well. Additionally, her experience in the private sector has given her a keen understanding for the use of public-private partnerships to achieve favorable wildlife conservation outcomes. Ms. Skipwith will work diligently to enforce the nation's wildlife laws while improving relations with local governments and sportsmen.

We urge you to approve the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith, so that the Senate may act to quickly confirm her as the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

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