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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Joseph Manchin
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of David Bernhardt to be Secretary of the Department of the Interior (DOI), and urges the Committee to consider this nomination expeditiously.

Over the course of his career in public service, Mr. Bernhardt has developed exceptional experience preparing him to lead DOI. Mr. Bernhardt began his career on Capitol Hill, and joined DOI in 2001 where he worked for the duration of the Bush Administration. Previously, the Senate unanimously confirmed Mr. Bernhardt to become Solicitor of the Department, a position he held until January 2009.

Mr. Bernhardt has demonstrated his ability to effectively lead the Department, advancing key regulatory reform initiatives while protecting and managing the nation's federal lands and natural resources, while serving as DOI's Acting Secretary.

As such, the Chamber urges the Committee to favorably report Mr. Bernhardt's nomination to the full Senate.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley

cc: The Members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee