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July 29, 2019

The Honorable John Barrassa, MD
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
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United States Senate
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I'm writing to express my support of the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I was blessed to see her nomination for that position. Over the past couple of years, I've had the distinct honor of working with Ms. Skipwith in her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, in which she has diligently served this Administration. She is a strong advocate of policies and initiatives of this Administration and her educational background with a Master's degree in Molecular Biology and law degree from University Kentucky College of Law brings a fresh and much needed level of expertise to the table.

Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper, we are so very grateful that this current Administration has changed the fabric of America and the policies are changing the devastation that has plagued the African American community and other minority communities. Ms. Skipwith would be the first African American to serve in the prestigious role of Director, Fish and Wildlife Service. She is on the ground engaging with the people, who are on both sides of the aisle and she boldly gives accolades of how changes in regulations provide economic self-sufficiency to local communities. The support by Congressman William Clay, Jr.'s (D-MO-1) shows the bipartisan support for her nomination.

Ms. Skipwith is a product of what my uncle, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. fought for. She is a hidden gem, who has established an impressive track record in both the public and private sectors. She was pivotal in the national monument designation of Camp Nelson in Kentucky, in engaging black conservation organizations who are not at the table, union workers who want to tackle the deferred maintenance on public lands, expanding access of public lands which brings economic development to the communities where people visit. Her diverse background and education provide her with the unique skill set required to address the many complex issues faced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She is such a savvy scientist and passionate

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conservationist, I enjoy working with her in helping people and families like mine to conserve and enjoy our public lands.

I request a swift confirmation. Thank you, Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Evangelist Alveda King
Founder, Alveda King Ministries

August 15, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso
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The Honorable Tom Carper
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Re: Nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The President's nomination of Aurelia Skipwith as Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is great news for American agriculture. She understands the needs of America's farmers and ranchers and the critical balance required to promote effective wildlife conservation and to foster an innovative and productive agricultural economy. The American Farm Bureau Federation supports the swift confirmation of Ms. Skipwith.

Ms. Skipwith's substantial understanding of the public and private sectors make her an excellent choice for leadership at FWS. Her experience serving as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior, combined with her background as a scientist and conservationist, position her well to lead the agency to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats.

AFBF urges members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to advance this nomination as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Zippy Duvall
President

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August 7th, 2019

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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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Arizona Farm Bureau Federation

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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The purpose of this letter is to support the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Arizona Farm Bureau Federation represents 2,500 farm and ranch members across the state who generate \$23.3 billion in economic impact. We work with our members through education and advocacy efforts to improve the economic well-being of agriculture and our communities.

Our work with other state Farm Bureaus has provided several opportunities to work with Ms. Skipwith in her present position. Through those efforts we have found her to be a dynamic leader with the scientific and management skills to effectively execute the Department of Interior's mission. We believe that Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director, and we fully support her confirmation.

Thank you for considering this letter of support.
Sincerely,

Stefanie Smallhouse, President
Arizona Farm Bureau Federation

Cc: The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
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November 15, 2018

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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) at the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI). Ms. Skipwith is highly qualified to serve in this role and we look forward to the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee advancing her nomination to the full Senate for confirmation.

Ms. Skipwith has a distinguished career as a public servant and is an expert on fish, wildlife, and natural habitat policy and regulation. Ms. Skipwith currently serves as DOI's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, and has worked closely with stakeholders to provide appropriate guidance for implementing sound federal policy regarding the management and conservation of public lands and wildlife. She has also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Agency for International Development.

In addition, Ms. Skipwith's experience in the private and non-profit sectors has provided her with the knowledge and expertise to implement federal policy objectives. For example, prior to her time at DOI, she founded an agricultural value chain platform that united small farmers and multinational buyers with the tools needed to meet the growing demand for food.

Ms. Skipwith's confirmation would provide FWS with the key leadership and experience needed at DOI to manage important federal policies. As such, we urge you to swiftly act on Ms. Skipwith's nomination.

Sincerely,



Neil L. Bradley

cc: Members of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee

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Stanton L. Riggs

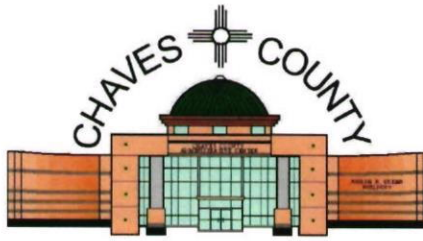
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December 21, 2018

Ryan Zinke

Secretary of Department of Interior

Department of the Interior

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RE: Support of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith's Nomination as Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USW&F)

Dear Secretary Zinke:

My name is Robert Corn and I am the Chairman of the Chaves County Board of Commissioners. Chaves County is proud to support the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith as the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

The service operates two very important sites in Chaves County. A large fish hatchery, the Southwest Native Resources and Recovery Center and the Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. The fish hatchery is the largest hatchery specializing in warm water western fish in the country. The Bitter Lakes Wildlife Refuge is a migratory water fowl refuge. In addition, the service oversees the wildlife and natural habitat on 1.2 million acres of land in Chaves County.

The decisions made by the service can have a tremendous impact on our county's economy and our way of life. That is why we are so pleased that Ms. Skipwith has been nominated for this very important position. We have had the pleasure of meeting with Ms. Skipwith. We believe she is a person of great integrity and will truly listen to our positions with an open mind. All we ask is for a director who will honestly and fairly consider all sides. We believe Ms. Skipwith is such a person. As such, Chaves County wholeheartedly supports her nomination as Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Corn".

Robert Corn, Chairman

Chaves County Commission

Colonel John Domenech, Ph.D (USA-RET)
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August 20, 2019

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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The purpose of this memo is to unequivocally endorse the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

As a resident of the Florida Keys and a Trustee of The College of the Florida Keys, I know the importance of the USFWS as it manages, studies and ensures sustainability of our fragile resources for future generations to enjoy. The USFWS is also vital to the college as a resource due to our renowned educational and workforce training opportunities associated with the marine environment. To enhance those offerings, we recently initiated a Bachelor of Science in Marine Resource Management and Conservation and I have personally spoken to Ms. Skipwith as to how the college relies upon the USFWS for its success and she assures me that such support will unabatedly continue.

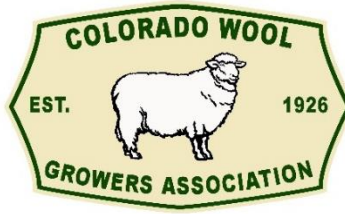
Ms. Skipwith is well-suited to serve as USFWS director due to her diverse background in the private sector, biology, law and public service. In addition to working with her on the importance of USFWS impact on the college, we have discussed the endangered species management program as it relates to a number of Florida Keys species on that list--including the tiny Florida Key Deer which roam freely around my home on Big Pine Key. In that regard, I believe Ms. Skipwith is the right choice to guide the agency, in the best interests of US citizens, with balance as it tackles the contentious issue of removal of certain species from the threatened and endangered species list whether that species is a Florida panther in the Everglades, grey wolf in the Great Lakes area, Grizzly bear in around Yellowstone National Park or the Bear-paw poppy in the Mojave Desert.

It is my hope that the United States Senate will approve her nomination. In the meantime, I will continue to work with this fine public servant as she balances competing public demands on issues facing the USFWS. I am confident that she will make the right decisions for this and many generations to follow.

With kind regards,



Colonel John Domenech, Ph.D (USA-Ret)



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The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
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April 10, 2019

Dear Mr. President:

The Colorado Wool Growers Association strongly supports the re-nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be the Director of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Our experience with Ms. Skipwith is that she is extremely knowledgeable, objective, and well-spoken on a variety of issues. Her private sector experience in legal and agriculture issues provides a very solid background to draw upon, as she faces the many diverse challenges of leading the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Ms. Skipwith's educational background combined with her private sector and government work experience make her a top choice for this important position. We know she will be a great asset to your administration as the Director for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Respectfully,

Ernie Etchart

President

BRIAN BABIN
36TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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Dear Chairman Barrasso & Ranking Member Carper:

I want to express to you my support of the re-nomination of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I am extremely impressed with her professionalism, and, more importantly, her educational background and experience. In April 2017, she was appointed the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks and she has served the Administration well. Ms. Skipwith has both a master's degree in Molecular Biology and a law degree. Her ability to think critically on complex issues and work with various stakeholders to ensure that the policies enacted are based on sound scientific principles and the rule of law is invaluable. With her experience in both the private and public sectors, she formulates solutions free from political and bureaucratic interference.

You nominated Ms. Skipwith for the position of Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on November 13, 2018. Unlike others who have held the position before, her experience in the private sector brings a different skill set to address multi-faceted subject matter. I know and respect her, especially her commitment to understanding varying perspectives to better resolve matters that affect almost every American citizen.

I believe it is important that the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not only possess the education and experience required to enact policies, but also have strong leadership skills. Ms. Skipwith meets and surpasses these qualifications.

Furthermore, history would be made with Ms. Skipwith as the first African-American to serve as the Director. I urge you to work quickly to reconfirm her. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



Brian Babin, D.D.S
Member of Congress

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Dear Chairman Barrasso:

I write to express my support for the swift confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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KEN CALVERT
Member of Congress

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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I write to extend my highest recommendation on behalf of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith as she seeks confirmation to serve our nation as the new Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ms. Skipwith began her professional career as my constituent in St. Louis, Missouri. Since that time, the trajectory of her career has continued to rise and expand. She is a knowledgeable professional with a keen insight into policy and passion for science and its use to improve lives.

Aurelia Skipwith is an ardent conservationist and will bring her skill set and enthusiasm to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Skipwith has helped lead many of the top Interior Department priorities for the past year and a half including promoting the enjoyment of our country's public lands, expanding access for hunting and fishing, and leading the historic effort to designate sites on the African American Civil Rights Network, a personal priority of mine.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to know Ms. Skipwith, both as an extremely talented individual and dedicated public servant. I find her to be knowledgeable and fair minded with a genuine dedication and commitment to her federal agency and its mission. I state, without hesitation, she has the initiative and drive and most importantly, the experience required to succeed as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I strongly urge and recommend that Aurelia Skipwith be confirmed as the next appointee to lead the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Please give her your utmost consideration. Thank you for your time and attention, please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

Wm. Lacy Clay
Wm. Lacy Clay
Member of Congress



Connecting Central Oregon's Water, Land & Environment

August 12, 2019

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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I am writing on behalf of the eight irrigation districts in Central Oregon's Deschutes Basin in support of Aurelia Skipwith to be confirmed by your committee and the Senate as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For over a decade, the irrigation districts, organized under the collective Deschutes Basin Board of Control, have been actively engaged with the Department of the Interior (Interior), especially the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in our collaborative development of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). We plan to complete the HCP next year, which we believe will benefit Central Oregon's economy and environment, and enhance habitat conditions for fish and wildlife such as the Oregon spotted frog, bull trout, steelhead and other species.

During this time, we have had the pleasure of working with several Interior and Service officials, including Ms. Skipwith. She has always been well briefed for our discussions, responsive, and has represented Interior and the Service in the most professional manner imaginable. More importantly, we have been continuously impressed by her commitment to the Service, where she has not only supported our work, but challenged us, to achieve the most responsible solutions for our communities and the environment. She has our complete support for this position.

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Deschutes Basin Board of Control Member Districts

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DBBC President - Mike Britton, 541-475-3625; mbritton@northunitid.com*

I respectfully request your support for the confirmation of Ms. Skipwith to become the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Mike Britton
President

cc: Senator Jeff Merkley

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August 26, 2019

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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The undersigned organizations write in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Our organizations reflect a broad array of companies –private forestland owners, pulp, paper and wood products manufacturers, and others involved in the forest products industry.

Ms. Skipwith currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior, where her team is responsible for ensuring the protection and stewardship of lands and waters within the national park and wildlife refuge systems. In this role, we have found her to be a dynamic, even-handed public policy professional and appreciate her commitment to public service, hard work, and ability to manage complex issues. She is interested in working on voluntary cooperative conservation efforts that support wildlife, air and water quality and jobs. We believe Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director and we support her confirmation.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. We urge you to quickly confirm Aurelia Skipwith so that she can begin leading USFWS in their work.

Sincerely,

Alabama Forestry Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Forest Resource Council
American Wood Council
Arkansas Forestry Association
Association of Consulting Foresters
California Forestry Association
Empire State Forest Products Association
Federal Forest Resource Coalition
Florida Forestry Association
Forest Landowners Association
Forest Resources Association
Forestry Association of South Carolina
Georgia Forestry Association
Hardwood Federation
Kentucky Forest Industries Association
Louisiana Forestry Association
Maine Forest Products Council

Michigan Forest Products Council
Mississippi Forestry Association
National Alliance of Forest Owners
New Hampshire Timber Operators Association
North Carolina Forestry Association
Ohio Forestry Association
Oregon Forest & Industries Council
Tennessee Forestry Association
Texas Forestry Association
Washington Forest Protection Association
West Virginia Forestry Association
Wisconsin Alliance of Forest Owners



August 14, 2019

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Senate Env. & Public Works Comm.
410 Senate Dirksen Office Building
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The purpose of this letter is to support the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB) is a non-profit membership organization directed by farmer members. IFB represents three out of four Illinois farmers with a voting membership of 80,000 farmers. The IFB mission is to improve the economic well-being of agriculture and enrich the quality of farm family life.

IFB has had several opportunities to work with Ms. Skipwith in her current role. We have found her to be a dynamic leader with the scientific and management skills to effectively execute the mission of the Department of Interior. We believe that Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director, and we fully support her confirmation.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. Please feel free to contact Lyndsey Ramsey at 309-557-3279 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
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The Honorable John Barrasso
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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member – United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

I write this letter in support of President Trump's nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to serve as Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ms. Skipwith possesses an impressive professional record and a diverse educational background in law and molecular biology, all of which well-equip her for this important role. She has proven her excellence in the private and public sectors, and I have no doubt she will continue to serve our Nation with honor and distinction.

I have worked closely with Ms. Skipwith on multiple occasions in her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. I have witnessed her ability to think critically and act decisively many times. I am confident that she will lead the agency with integrity.

Ms. Skipwith takes a proactive approach to stakeholder engagement, which leads to better understanding of problems and expectations for all parties. As Attorney General of Louisiana and a former Member of Congress representing a State abundant with fish and wildlife, I trust she will continue to employ a common-sense approach that yields dividends in cooperation from state and private stakeholders.

Ms. Skipwith's strong leadership skills will ensure that her tenure as Director is marked with policy action designed to ensure efficient and effective conservation of our Nation's plant life and wild life. For Louisiana and America, I ask you and your distinguished colleagues on the Environment and Public Works Committee to support her nomination.

If you have questions or need more information on my support for Ms. Aurelia Skipwith, please feel free to contact me at 225-326-6705 or landryj@ag.louisiana.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Landry
Louisiana Attorney General



October 2, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader McConnell:

The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association (KCA) supports the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). KCA is proud to represent over 10,000 members and 38,000 cattle producers in the Commonwealth, and we lend our voice today to ask for the swift confirmation of Ms. Skipwith in this role.

Ms. Skipwith has been a valued partner and honest broker in her dealings with the livestock industry. She holds both a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Science in molecular genetics from Purdue University, giving her an educational background that exceeds the minimum qualifications for this role. Additionally, her private sector experience in the legal and agricultural professions have prepared her to address the diverse set of issues that will be under her purview. For example, prior to her time at DOI, she founded an agricultural value chain platform that united small farmers and multinational buyers with the tools needed to meet the growing demand for food.

Aurelia Skipwith understands the agriculture industry and the role it plays in the stewardship of America's lands and species. For this, and many other reasons, we urge you to act promptly on Ms. Skipwith's nomination and confirm her as Director of the USFWS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim White".

Tim White
KCA President
Fayette County Cattle Producer



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August 12, 2019

The Honorable John A. Barrasso III
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
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Chairman and Senator Carper,

It is my great pleasure to recommend and express my support for the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. On behalf of the farmers and ranchers across the state of Montana, Montana Farm Bureau Federation supports effective leadership at the Department that has a strong understanding of, and support for the agricultural industry. As a tireless advocate for Montana agriculture, we promote, protect and represent the interests of Montana's farmers and ranchers. Ms. Skipwith has shown her commitment to actively engage in key issues and is well suited to address the challenges our Montana members face.

We believe that President Trump has made an excellent choice for his nomination of Ms. Skipwith to be the next Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Given her experience as an attorney we are convinced that she will lead the agency in a professional and honorable manner and work to enforce the laws of the United States.

Once again, the Montana Farm Bureau Federation on behalf of its over 20,000 Farmer and Rancher members are proud to support the nomination of Ms. Skipwith.

Sincerely,

John Youngberg
Executive Vice President



July 23, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

The Public Lands Council (PLC), National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), and American Sheep Industry Association (ASI) support the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). PLC is the only national organization dedicated solely to representing the roughly 22,000 ranchers who hold federal grazing permits and operate on federal lands. NCBA is the beef industry's largest and oldest national marketing and trade association, representing American cattlemen and women who provide much of the nation's supply of food and own or manage a large portion of America's private property. ASI is a federation of forty-five state sheep associations representing a diverse industry since 1865 and has been the national trade organization representing the interests of nearly 90,000 sheep ranchers located throughout the country who produce America's lamb and wool.

We were pleased last year when the President nominated Ms. Skipwith to serve as Director of the USFWS and continue to support her re-nomination during the 116th Congress. In her current role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the Department of the Interior, she has been a valued partner and honest broker in her dealings with the livestock industry. She holds both a Juris Doctor from the University of Kentucky and a Master of Science in molecular genetics from Purdue University, giving her an educational background that exceeds the minimum qualifications for this role. Additionally, her private sector experience in the legal and agricultural professions have prepared her to address the diverse set of issues that will be under her purview.

As part of their business operations, livestock producers do vital work that benefits fish and wildlife, as well as the places they call home. They do this by improving water sources, revitalizing habitats, and maintaining the open spaces that all Americans enjoy. Having leaders at the USFWS who understand the agriculture industry, and the role it plays in the stewardship of America's lands and species, is vital to ensure the continuity of our national heritage.

PLC, NCBA, and ASI appreciate the opportunity to provide our input on behalf of our members – the nation's food and fiber producers. We respectfully request that Aurelia Skipwith be re-nominated to serve as the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Houston
President
National Cattlemen's Beef Assn.

Bob Skinner
President
Public Lands Council

Benny Cox
President
American Sheep Industry Assn.

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
The Honorable Kevin Cramer
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
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Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Carper,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our strong support for the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

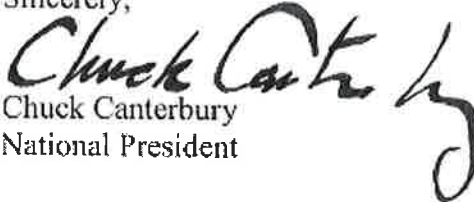
Ms. Skipwith currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the U.S. Department of the Interior, where her team is responsible for ensuring the protection and stewardship of lands and waters within the national park and wildlife refuge systems. In her role, she has worked with the thousands of officers of the United States Park Police officers as well as the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's Office of Law Enforcement.

The first African American to ever be nominated to the position; Ms. Skipwith earned her B.S. in biology from Howard University, a M.S. in molecular biology from Purdue University, and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law.

We believe that President Trump has made an excellent choice for his nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Given her experience as an attorney in the private and public sectors, I am confident that Ms. Skipwith will lead the agency with honor and integrity, working diligently to enforce the laws of the United States. We urge the committee to favorably report her nomination to the Senate floor.

On behalf of the more than 348,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I am proud to support this nominee. If I can provide any more information in support of Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in my Washington Office.

Sincerely,


Chuck Canterbury
National President

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August 1, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The purpose of this letter is to support the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ms. Skipwith currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior, where her team is responsible for ensuring the protection and stewardship of lands and waters within the national park and wildlife refuge systems.

The National Association for Biomedical Research is a nonprofit association dedicated to developing sound public policy in support of ethical and essential laboratory animal research. Our members include major pharmaceutical companies and others involved in the biomedical research field.

Our members have had numerous opportunities to work with Ms. Skipwith in her present position. Our members have found her to be a dynamic, even-handed public policy professional with the management skills to effectively execute the Department of Interior's mission. We believe that Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director, and we fully support her confirmation.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Matthew R Bailey, President



NATIONAL SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION

JONATHAN F. THOMPSON
Executive Director and CEO

October 30, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader, US Senate
317 Russell Senate Office B Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Aurelia Skipwith - Director of US Fish & Wildlife

Dear Mr. Leader:

The National Sheriffs' Association is proud to support Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to serve as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We were pleased that Ms. Skipwith's nomination advanced out of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on September 25.

We respectfully request you to schedule floor time as soon as possible for the full Senate to consider Ms. Skipwith's nomination.

The National Sheriffs' Association traces its roots back to 1888 and represents thousands of sheriffs, deputies and other law enforcement, public safety professionals, and concerned citizens nationwide. It is important that the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service understand the role of County Sheriffs and deputies and be able to work with them in a unified manner.

Ms. Skipwith possesses the knowledge and experience to serve as the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. In her current role as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Fish Wildlife and Parks she has worked with thousands of officers in the National Park Police and the Law Enforcement Officers of the Fish and Wildlife Service. She has proven her mettle and understanding in working with those officers, who work jointly everyday with the State, County and local Law enforcement officers of this nation.

Ms. Skipwith has several degrees in biology and genetics, as well as law, and she is motivated and determined to succeed in the endeavors she pursues. She will bring a unique perspective, informed by her diverse educational background, related experiences, and her ability to work across diverse industries. We wholly endorse the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith as Director of Fish & Wildlife.

Sincerely

Jonathan Thompson
Executive Director and CEO



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September 30, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
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Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
419 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) is the trade association for the firearms, ammunition, hunting and recreational shooting sports industry. We were pleased to see the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works advance the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. On behalf of our approximately 10,000 member companies nationwide, we write to respectfully request your support for her confirmation.

The origin of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service dates back to 1871 and is the oldest federal conservation agency. Its mission is "work with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people." As Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Ms. Skipwith has demonstrated her commitment to this mission. She sees tremendous value in public-private partnerships and credits conservation efforts that ensure future generations can continue to enjoy our public lands, including through our nation's sporting heritage. Ms. Skipwith understands the important role that sportsmen and women play as great stewards of our natural resources, and NSSF appreciates her efforts to expand recreational land access.

Overseeing 9,000 employees and a vast number of refuges and hatcheries requires a dedicated director. NSSF is proud to offer its strong support and respectfully urges all members of the entire distinguished body to confirm President Trump's nomination of Aurelia Skipwith as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lawrence G. Keane

CC: The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman
 The Honorable Thomas Carper, Ranking Member



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The Honorable Tom Carper
Ranking Member
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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

I write on behalf of the National Tribal Energy Association (NTEA), to express our support of the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Over the past 18 months as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior, Ms. Skipwith has shown the utmost professionalism as an administrator and passion as a scientist and conservationist. Her background of academic excellence and a lifetime of corporate experience and public-sector service, are the perfect combination of skills and leadership that is needed at the (USFWS). Aurelia values and understands the importance of public-private partnerships and the important role they play in the work of the USFWS. She is committed to protecting our wildlife, increasing public access, resolving complicated environmental and wildlife issues, enforcing laws and regulations to protect our heritage, while improving relations with State and Local Governments, Tribal Governments, Sportsmen, and everyone who uses and enjoys our USFWS lands and resources.

The National Tribal Energy Association is a Nationwide Tribal Trade Organization that represents and advocates for the largest energy resource and energy production Tribes. We pray for the quick confirmation of Ms. Skipwith by the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

Conrad C.J. Stewart
Member, Board of Directors

cc: Members of the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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August 20, 2019

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The Honorable Tom Carper
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456 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Letter of Support for Aurelia Skipwith

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

As you know, President Trump has nominated Aurelia Skipwith to be the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and your committee will be reviewing her record and qualifications to be confirmed for that position. On behalf of the Nye County, NV Board of Commissioners, I am writing to express our strong support for her confirmation. We believe that Ms. Skipwith has a unique set of skills that would make her an ideal Director of the FWS. We urge you to vote in favor of her nomination and to get her confirmation through the full Senate as soon as possible.

Nye County is 98 percent federal land. As a result, the County and our residents are constantly interacting with the federal land agencies, including the FWS, the Bureau of Land Management, and the U.S. Forest Service. We understand the need to balance the interests of economic development and environmental protection. We appreciate when our federal partners also understand the need for a balanced approach to land management.

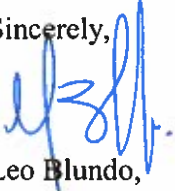
Ms. Skipwith understands this. She has a scientific background, private sector experience and has worked at three federal agencies. This includes the U.S. Agency for International Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture and, most recently, as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. This public-private background is exactly what is needed to balance the needs of economic development and the environment. For too long, development in the West has been chocked off by Washington bureaucrats that do not know how to achieve this balance.

Our support is not just based on her resume. Earlier this year, a delegation of Nye County Commissioners was in DC to talk to federal land managers about some difficult lands issues.

We met with Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith. She listened to our concerns and understood our point of view. She did not just give us what we wanted, but instead worked with us to make sure that our interests were heard and balanced with other competing interests. We believe the proposed solution will allow crucial development in Nye County while protecting an endangered species located on the land.

We fully understand that we will not always get what we want. But we do expect that our concerns will be heard and that federal officials will work with us and show the flexibility to entertain innovative solutions to lands issues. Ms. Skipwith demonstrated those skills. For that reason, we strongly support her nomination to be the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,



Leo Blundo,
Nye County Commissioner, District 4

LB/RS

August 15, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
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Senate Environment & Public Works Comm.
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Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Environment & Public Works Comm.
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

Oklahoma Farm Bureau supports the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Members of our staff, as well as other state Farm Bureaus, have worked with Ms. Skipwith. She is a capable leader with the scientific knowledge and management skills to effectively execute the position of Director.

OKFB has about 80,000 member families. Our mission is to improve the lives of rural Oklahomans. Our farmer and rancher members grow their crops and livestock in rural Oklahoma. As Oklahoma has limited federal lands, privately-owned farm and ranch lands are critical to all manner of species conservation. The Service states that approximately half of listed (endangered, threatened) species have at least 80 percent of their habitat on private lands.

We concur with American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall's appreciation of Ms. Skipwith's commitment to conservation, as well as her respect for balanced land use. Her service as Deputy Assistant Director has shown that her proven leadership is a valuable asset to the Service. Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director. We fully support her confirmation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Rodd Moesel
President

cc: The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
The Honorable Jim Inhofe
The Honorable James Lankford
OKFB Board of Directors



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August 1, 2019

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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The purpose of this letter is to support the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Skipwith currently serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior, where her team is responsible for ensuring the protection and stewardship of lands and waters within the national park and wildlife refuge systems.

The Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) is a non-profit trade organization representing the pet industry. PIJAC's mission is to promote responsible pet ownership and animal welfare, foster environmental stewardship, and ensure the availability of pets. PIJAC's members support a range of conservation programs, including programs relating to the protection and enhancement of aquatic resources and habitat.

Our members have had several opportunities to work with Ms. Skipwith in her present position. Our members have found her to be a dynamic leader with the scientific and management skills to effectively execute the Department of Interior's mission. We believe that Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director, and we fully support her confirmation.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. Please feel free to contact me at the number below if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Robert Likins
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Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC)
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Protect The Harvest

August 26, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Ranking Member
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We at Protect The Harvest would like to express our support for the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. While her background, education, and experience qualify her greatly for the position, her professionalism and dedication to excellence are what truly set her apart.

We know Ms. Skipwith to be astute and insightful regarding the issues we face. With many interests at stake, we trust that her experience in both the public and private sectors, combined with her education in molecular biology and law, will make her a highly valuable asset not only to the Service, but to the people and places she serves.

Ms. Skipwith has done an outstanding job as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, and has come to be known for her dedication to balancing environmental and economic considerations in her collaborations with stakeholders. She understands the many complexities and interrelations of the science and laws involved in policy-making, and she possesses the critical thinking skills and common sense to identify potential repercussions, and then to effectively manage them if necessary.

Protect The Harvest respectfully urges you to confirm Ms. Skipwith as Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Forrest Lucas

Founder, Executive Director

Protect The Harvest





July 18, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman
Senate Environment & Public Works Comm.
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Environment & Public Works Comm.
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) is pleased to endorse the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The USFWS is one of the most important federal agencies to RMEF and many other conservation organizations. RMEF has a vested interest in many issues and decisions that come before the agency, including implementation of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation, predator and threatened and endangered species management, ecological services and administration of hunting access on certain federal lands.

Ms. Skipwith is well-suited to serve as USFWS director. In addition to working with her the last several years in her current role, she recently visited RMEF and we enjoyed the opportunity to talk about habitat, wildlife management and other issues key to elk and other wildlife.

As a biologist and attorney with federal agency, private industry and nonprofit experience, she has a diverse background with scientific and legal expertise. This profile indicates she will have the ability to balance the interests of wildlife (including game and nongame species) with land and recreation management.

From RMEF's perspective, the primary issue facing USFWS is removal of recovered species from the threatened and endangered species list, such as grizzly bears in the Greater Yellowstone and Northern Continental Divide Ecosystems and gray wolves in the Great Lakes states. We are confident Ms. Skipwith will help guide the agency to work with Congress and state wildlife agencies to ensure state management of these predators.

Following approval by the Senate, we look forward to working closely with her for the benefit of our wildlife and wild landscapes.

Sincerely,

R. Kyle Weaver
President & CEO



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July 29, 2019

The Honorable Kirsten Gillibrand
478 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Gillibrand:

I write to express my support for the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a role that is crucial to protecting our lands, fish and wildlife for current and future generations.

As you know, at Scenic Hudson we are working to revitalize the Hudson Valley from New York City to the foothills of the Adirondacks. We have purchased former industrial sites and revitalized them as community assets for recreation, tourism, and engines of economic development. We work to protect the region's natural resources, because they are the foundation of prosperity for private landowners, farmers, youth, and many others.

With your great leadership and support we have worked to restore the health of the Hudson River and its role as a catalyst for job creation throughout the region. Now that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued its Certificate of Completion to General Electric for its cleanup of PCBs in the river, the next stage is the Natural Resource Damage Assessment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be a key trustee in this context, and Ms. Skipwith would be a tremendous partner as its Director, based on past experience. I had the chance to meet with Ms. Skipwith soon after she was appointed as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior and have continued to work with her over the past years. She has always been highly sensitive to, and concerned about, the public health impacts of PCBs in the Hudson as well as the chemical's damage to its natural resources. Under her leadership, the Service continued its stand that additional cleanup of the Hudson is needed; Ms. Skipwith authorized the issuance of a letter calling for more remediation.

Ms. Skipwith has a Master's degree in Molecular Biology; she is a lawyer and has been a businesswoman. Her ability to think critically on complex issues and work with various stakeholders to ensure the policies enacted are based on scientific principles and law would be invaluable in this post. With experience in both the private and public sectors, I am hopeful she will be able to work with New York State in its role as a Natural Resource Trustee to achieve a

settlement that results in restoration of the Hudson River for current generations, not 50 years or more into the future.

Ms. Skipwith will bring a fresh perspective to this important role and engage with non-traditional groups, who are important stakeholders in the future of New York and the Hudson River. I understand she embraces getting into the field to get a first-hand view of the resources at risk and hope we can plan a trip to the Hudson Valley in the near future.

I encourage you to give serious consideration to supporting Ms. Skipwith's confirmation so that she can bring her professional background and perspective to bear, with the full authority as Director to advance New York's goal of a healthy, restored Hudson River and protected resources throughout the state and country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ned", written over the printed name "Ned Sullivan".

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July 29, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD, Chairman
The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen,

I write to express my support for the confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a role that is crucial to protecting our lands, fish and wildlife for current and future generations.

At Scenic Hudson we are working to revitalize the Hudson Valley from New York City to the foothills of the Adirondacks. We have purchased former industrial sites and revitalized them as community assets for recreation, tourism, and engines of economic development. We work to protect the region's natural resources, because they are the foundation of prosperity for private landowners, farmers, youth, and many others.

We have worked to restore the health of the Hudson River and its role as a catalyst for job creation throughout the region. Now that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has issued its Certificate of Completion to General Electric for its cleanup of PCBs in the river, the next stage is the Natural Resource Damage Assessment. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be a key trustee in this context, and Ms. Skipwith would be a tremendous partner as its Director, based on past experience. I had the chance to meet with Ms. Skipwith soon after she was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks at the Department of the Interior and have continued to work with her over the past years. She has always been highly sensitive to, and concerned about, the public health impacts of PCBs in the Hudson as well as the obstacles the pollutant has created to economic development opportunities in the region.

Ms. Skipwith has a Master's degree in Molecular Biology; she is a lawyer and has been a businesswoman. Her ability to think critically on complex issues and work with various stakeholders to ensure the policies enacted are based on scientific principles and law would be invaluable in this post. With experience in both the private and public sectors, I am hopeful she

will be able to work with New York State in its role as a Natural Resource Trustee to achieve a settlement that results in restoration of the Hudson River for current generations.

Ms. Skipwith will bring a fresh perspective to this important role and engage with non-traditional groups, who are important stakeholders in the future of New York and the Hudson River. I understand she embraces getting into the field to get a first-hand view of the resources at risk and to meet key stakeholders, including business and government leaders.

I encourage you to give serious consideration to supporting Ms. Skipwith's confirmation so that she can bring her professional background and perspective to bear, with the full authority as Director to advance New York's goal of a healthy, restored Hudson River and so that the natural resources of the nation can be protected for public and economic benefits.

Sincerely,

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July 29, 2019

The Honorable John A. Barrasso III
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman and Senator Carper:

Please accept this letter in support of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith's nomination for Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. In her capacity as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior, she manages the nation's land and water resources with exceptional leadership. I have no doubt Aurelia will continue her work on behalf of the people of the United States to exercise wise stewardship in her role as Director.

Strong leadership, exceptional knowledge of natural resource and public land issues, in addition to a balanced approach is imperative for this position. Ms. Skipwith is a perfect fit for this role. She has not only excelled in her previous positions in the corporate sector, but seamlessly acquired the knowledge of processes required to excel at a federal level. As a minority candidate, she has represented both the African American voice and women with the highest caliber of excellence. I'm deeply impressed with both her character and ability.

President Trump has recently nominated Ms. Skipwith for the Director of Fish and Wildlife Services and I also give my resounding support and recommendation for Ms. Skipwith's nomination as Director. I urge you to favorably report her nomination to the Senate as I am confident she will serve with the highest distinction on behalf of the American people.

Sincerely,

Sean D. Reyes
Utah Attorney General

Montana State Senate



The Treasure State

November 1, 2018

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RE: Aurelia Skipwith, Director Fish and Wildlife Service

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

I write to express MY Strong SUPPORT for Aurelia Skipwith nominate by President Trump to be the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

I believe it is critically important that the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service not only possess strong leadership skills, but also the education and experience required to enact policies based on scientific principles free from political and bureaucratic interference. Ms. Skipwith meets and surpasses these qualifications and we urge you to approve her nomination.

I have known Ms. Skipwith for several years, toured our local refuge with her, find her extraordinarily competent and am very excited for her nomination to be approved.

If I can be of any assistance to you in regards to this nomination, please let me know!

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred Thomas".

Fred Thomas

Montana State Senate Majority Leader



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August 13, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Senate Environment and Public Works
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410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

On behalf of the National Hydropower Association, I write to support the confirmation of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

NHA members have had several opportunities to work with Ms. Skipwith in her present position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks in the Department of the Interior. In her current role, her team is responsible for ensuring the protection and stewardship of lands and waters within the national park and wildlife refuge systems.

Our members describe her as a dynamic leader with the scientific and management skills to effectively execute the Department of Interior's mission. As such, we believe that Ms. Skipwith would make an outstanding Director, and we fully support her confirmation.

For your background, the National Hydropower Association is a nonprofit national association dedicated to promoting the growth of clean, renewable hydropower and marine energy, which currently provides electricity to 30 million Americans. NHA represents more than 240 companies, from Fortune 500 corporations to family-owned small businesses. Our diverse membership includes public and investor-owned utilities, independent power producers, developers, equipment manufacturers and other service providers.

Thank you for considering this letter of support. Please feel free to contact Jeffrey Leahey at 202-750-8403 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Woolf
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October 30, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
317 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 205100

Dear Leader McConnell,

I write today to respectfully request a vote on the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith, Cal. #452, to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Skipwith is preeminently qualified, having extensive experience in the public and private sectors. She has been recommended by the National fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and the American Farm Bureau Federation. Additionally, Ms. Skipwith is also the first African American to be nominated for the position. Her nomination was favorably reported out of the Environment and Public Works Committee on September 25, 2019.

As the primary enforcement agency for America's wildlife laws, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plays a vital role in Louisiana. It is past time that this important agency has a Senate confirmed leader in place, and I am confident that Ms. Skipwith is up to the task. I stand ready to work with you to ensure that Ms. Skipwith receives a vote as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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John Kennedy
United States Senator



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July 29, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso
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The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member – United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

I write this letter in support of President Trump's nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to serve as Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ms. Skipwith possesses an impressive professional record and a diverse educational background in law and molecular biology, all of which well-equip her for this important role. She has proven her excellence in the private and public sectors, and I have no doubt she will continue to serve our Nation with honor and distinction.

I have worked closely with Ms. Skipwith on multiple occasions in her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. I have witnessed her ability to think critically and act decisively many times. I am confident that she will lead the agency with integrity.

Ms. Skipwith takes a proactive approach to stakeholder engagement, which leads to better understanding of problems and expectations for all parties. As Attorney General of Louisiana and a former Member of Congress representing a State abundant with fish and wildlife, I trust she will continue to employ a common-sense approach that yields dividends in cooperation from state and private stakeholders.

Ms. Skipwith's strong leadership skills will ensure that her tenure as Director is marked with policy action designed to ensure efficient and effective conservation of our Nation's plant life and wild life. For Louisiana and America, I ask you and your distinguished colleagues on the Environment and Public Works Committee to support her nomination.

If you have questions or need more information on my support for Ms. Aurelia Skipwith, please feel free to contact me at 225-326-6705 or landryj@ag.louisiana.gov.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Landry
Louisiana Attorney General



August 10, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
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Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

As a board member of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, I am pleased to endorse the nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith to be Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

The Foundation's mission is to promote and defend liberty, personal responsibility, and free enterprise by using academically sound research and outreach. No place in the federal government should follow the cannon of sound research more than the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The USFWS is one of the most diverse federal agencies in our federal system and one where science is the key to its success.

Ms. Skipwith is well-suited to serve as USFWS director. She has experience in the private sector, working in the corporate world as a scientist and as a lawyer. Just as important is her free enterprise spirit, which has shown brightly as she has grown her own real estate business.

As a biologist and attorney with a federal agency and private industry and with her nonprofit experience, she has the diverse background, to not only use sound science to make decisions, but the background to use common sense in making decisions to balance the interests of fish and wildlife with the use of land in conservation, recreation management, and economic development. Please confirm her as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Doug Deason
President
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Board Member of the Texas Public Policy Foundation



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14 August 2019

The Honorable Sen. John Barrasso, Chairman
The Honorable Sen. Thomas Carper, Ranking Member
US Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

RE: Nomination of Ms. Aurelia Skipwith as Director, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper,

The Peregrine Fund has worked with Ms. Aurelia Skipwith in support of US Fish and Wildlife Service efforts to restore Endangered Species for the past two years. We greatly appreciate her enthusiasm and understanding of the need for private sector partnerships in working together to restore our Endangered wildlife heritage. Aurelia's substantial first-hand experience understanding landowner and local government needs and concerns coupled with her background in biology provides her a comprehensive background for addressing Endangered Species Recovery.

The Peregrine Fund has worked closely since our founding 50 years ago with our most important domestic partner — the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Five decades ago we began an effort together to recover the Peregrine Falcon. In 1999 we celebrated the Recovery and Delisting of the Peregrine Falcon. Today The Peregrine Fund is partnered with the Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to Recover the California Condor, Aplomado Falcon and Puerto Rican Sharp-shinned Hawk. Ms. Skipwith's experience with and commitment to Recovery of Endangered Species can serve to restore health to at risk species throughout the US and worldwide. If confirmed, we very much look forward to continuing to work with Ms. Skipwith in our partnership to steward our magnificent wildlife heritage.

Sincerely yours,

Richard T. Watson
President & CEO, The Peregrine Fund



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July 22, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso
The Honorable Thomas Carper
United States Senate
Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-6175

Dear Senator Barrasso and Senator Carper:

On behalf of the Treasure State Resources Association of Montana, I'd like to express our support for the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith of Indiana, to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over the past two years, our association members have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Skipwith in her current role as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks. We appreciate that she makes it a priority to get into the field and engage stakeholders to understand their perspective on pressing issues.

The Treasure State Resources Association of Montana brings together diverse industry, organized labor, agriculture and recreation groups to work together on issues that affect land use and resource development in Montana.

The organization was formed in 1976 when representatives of organized labor, agriculture and industry recognized they had a common interest in seeing good jobs created by growing Montana's economic opportunities. Later, motorized recreation interests joined the mix as they saw the need to protect their access to public lands.

Ms. Skipwith has truly been a pleasure to work with on our issues. She has established an impressive track record in both the public and private sectors. Her diverse background and education provide her with the unique skill set required to deal with the key issues that would come under the purview of the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. She thinks critically on complex challenges and formulates common sense solutions that are free from political and bureaucratic interference. Her decisions are based on sound science and the rule of law.

July 22, 2019

Recommendation for Ms. Aurelia Skipwith

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We believe it is important that the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not only possess strong leadership skills, but also the education and experience required to enact policies based on scientific principles. Ms. Skipwith meets and surpasses these qualifications and we urge you to support her nomination.

Thank you both for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Mark Baker

President

Treasure State Resources Association of Montana

Cc: The Honorable Jon Tester, United States Senate

The Honorable Steve Daines, United States Senate



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July 18, 2019

The Honorable Senator John Barrasso M.D.
Chairman
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Senator Thomas R. Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public
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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We write to express our strong support of the nomination of Aurelia Skipwith to serve as the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Skipwith has established a tremendously impressive track record working with both the public and private sectors. Her diverse education and background provides her with the unique skill set required to address the many complex issues faced by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Over the past year, we have worked closely with Ms. Skipwith in her position as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. Her ability to think critically and derive common sense solutions that are based on sound science has been clearly demonstrated in her actions. We have partnered with Ms. Skipwith on numerous projects to restore our refuge system infrastructure, provide access and change lives by creating a deep respect, love and admiration for the outdoors.

We believe it is vitally important that the next Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service not only possess strong leadership skills and the ability to form public and private partnerships, but also the education and critical decision making skills required to enact policies based on scientific principles free from political and bureaucratic interference. Ms. Skipwith meets and surpasses these qualifications and we urge you to approve her nomination.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

Scott Vance
CEO and Executive Director
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August 6, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman
The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper, and Committee Members:

On behalf of Urban American Outdoors (*UAO*)—a nongovernmental organization that inspires conservation stewardship among families living in metropolitan areas through national outreach and community initiatives including a national syndicated TV show which reaches millions—I write to register UAO's fervent support of Deputy Assistant Secretary Aurelia Skipwith's nomination as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

While serving in her current position Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith championed conservation stewardship and reintroducing American families in metropolitan areas to outdoors activities rooted in our national heritage. At Urban American Outdoors' 2018 Urban Kids Fishing Derby on the National Mall in Washington D.C. Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith addressed the over 300 families and spoke of her support for results-driven conservation stewardship events like, UAO's fishing derby, that interest families living in local areas. In 2019 Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith attended the event and once again spoke and participated directly with families on the National Mall.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Skipwith brings the right skillset and experiences from the public, private, international sectors, and is well suited to lead the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service forward. We urge you to approve Aurelia Skipwith's nomination as the Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective, and please have a member of your staff contact Executive Director Candice Price for further information or questions by email address, which is uaotv@aol.com, and or by phone number (913) 334-5177.

Sincerely,

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Candice Price
Executive Director

Re-Appointment of Aurelia Skipwith



Apr 14, 2019, 1:03
PM (19 hours ago)

Dear Sir,

I serve as president of the West Virginia Shepherds Federation. I have been a member of this statewide sheep and goat association for well over 20 years and a member of the W. Va. Farm Bureau for nearly as long. While our members have less contact with federal agencies than our fellow livestock producers in the West we are well aware of the role F&W play in managing our nation's wildlife and its interaction with livestock operations across the country.

If it's not too late I am adding the support of the W.Va. Shepherds Federation for the Re-nomination and confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith as Director of Fish & Wildlife. She has a sound understanding of the science and the common sense grasp of how to manage that wildlife, particularly top of the food chain predators in conjunction with Wildlife Services, and endangered and threatened species sharing habitat spaces with domestic livestock.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Aucremanne

W.Va. Shepherds Federation

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December 9, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell:

The National Park Hospitality Association (NPHA) urges rapid action on the President's nominee for Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Aurelia Skipwith. We have worked with Ms. Skipwith in her role as Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. We have found her welcoming of our ideas and suggestions, committed to protection of special places managed by the Department of the Interior and committed fully to connecting 21st Century Americans to these places and the nation's tradition of conservation.

Her current role has included many topics of concern to our members, ranging from recreation fees to partnerships to reversing a reduction in access arising from deteriorating visitor infrastructure. As businesses serving visitors to public lands and waters, we care deeply about these issues. We can confirm that Aurelia Skipwith shares our concerns and our eagerness for innovative solutions.

We especially applaud Ms. Skipwith's support for innovative communications of conservation messages, including use of technology to leverage Interior resources. She has been actively involved in use of creative channels, including augmented reality which utilizes smartphones and tablets to appeal to younger audiences. She has also met frequently with recreation and tourism leaders to discuss and support the contributions we make to rural economic vitality. Outdoor recreation is a large, fast-growing and sustainable pillar of the US economy – according to the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis providing the nation with 5.2 million jobs and \$778 billion in gross output, tied closely to public lands and waters. Our industry alone represents nearly \$2 billion annually in sales of goods and services in areas administered by Interior.

We find Aurelia Skipwith qualified and equipped to lead the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and its important influence on the nation's Great Outdoors. The agency oversees federal assistance to key fishing, boating, hunting, shooting sports and conservation efforts which are critical to the businesses of our companies. Permanent and able leadership of this agency is vital, and Ms. Skipwith is prepared to provide that.

We note that this nomination has been recommended by the appropriate committees and awaits action by the full Senate. We ask your help in completing this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Chairman



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August 2, 2019

The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Barrasso and Ranking Member Carper:

We write today to encourage the prompt confirmation of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to serve as the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Skipwith during her service as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks. I am impressed with her priority of getting into the field and engaging stakeholders to understand their perspective on key natural resource issues. Her acknowledgement of the unique challenges facing livestock producers in the West has been a welcome change from the previous administration.

Ms. Skipwith has established an impressive track record in both the public and private sectors. Her diverse background and education provide her with the unique skill set required to deal with subject matters of the Service, including endangered species, depredation by migratory birds and wildlife migration corridors. She thinks critically on the complex issues faced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and formulates solutions that are free from political and bureaucratic interference. She offers common sense solutions based on sound science and rule of law.

After receiving her Master's degree in Molecular Biology from Purdue University, she worked for a leading agriculture biotechnology company and later received her law degree from University of Kentucky's College of Law. With that science and legal combination, she was an attorney at Kentucky's leading agriculture company working to ensure the health and safety of the environment and animals by using all-natural products. Ms. Skipwith's career mirrors the foundation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which is the sustainability of plants and wildlife and working lands for all.

We believe it is important that the next Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service not only possess strong leadership skills, but also the education and experience required to enact policies based on scientific principles free from political and bureaucratic interference. Ms. Skipwith meets and surpasses these qualifications.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Jim Magagna
Executive Vice President

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