



You have been forthright in your commitment to sportsmen and making their priorities a centerpiece of your land and water conservation agenda. As you review candidates for Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior we hope that you will strongly consider Congressman Thompson for this important post. He is a friend of sportsmen with a proven record on conservation – two important qualities for the next Secretary of Interior. We are confident that Congressman Thompson will approach the many conservation and resource management issues before the Department of Interior with a thoughtful and inclusive approach that will benefit all Americans including 38 million hunters and anglers.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of Congressman Mike Thompson as the next Secretary of the Interior.

Sincerely,

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