FROM GREENPEACE

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**URGE SENATE CONFIRMATION OF REPRESENTATIVE DEB HAALAND**

**AS SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**

**WHEREAS,** the Department of the Interior (DOI) manages nearly one-fifth of the land in the United States (500 million acres), regulates oil and gas extraction across the country and off our coasts, manages the delivery of water for farmers and ranchers across the country, and is the home of the U.S. Geological Survey – which gathers and analyzes data related to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, DOI manages our National Parks, National Monuments, wildlife refuges, and extends protections to threatened and endangered species; and

**WHEREAS**, these multifaceted environment and natural resource responsibilities impact the entire planet; and

**WHEREAS,** U.S. Representative Deb Haaland, is an enrolled member of the Laguna Pueblo and is a 35th generation New Mexican; holds a JD degree; and has a solid progressive record on environmental issues, having endorsed the Green New Deal and [THRIVE Agenda](https://omar.house.gov/media/press-releases/rep-omar-co-leads-comprehensive-thrive-agenda-address-covid-19-climate-change); opposed oil and gas expansion on public lands; and stood with the water protectors in Standing Rock;

**WHEREAS**, DOI’s mandate also includes the implementation of many federal laws and policies regarding Native people and, nearly one-quarter of the Department’s annual budget is dedicated to its responsibilities to manage government-to-government relations with 578 federally recognized Indian tribes and millions of their citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, DOI performs functions in nearly every aspect of tribal affairs - from education to law enforcement, social services, economic development, and natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** it is time the United States acknowledge the role of Indigenous people in managing land and water, combating climate change and decision-making that affect every aspect of our lives.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that U.S. Representative Deb Haaland, a citizen of the Laguna Pueblo in New Mexico; and presently serving as the Chairwoman of the US House Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Lands, which has oversight authority of the Department of the Interior; is eminently qualified to be Secretary of the Interior; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the 32nd District Democratic Organization hereby urges Senate confirmation of U.S. Representative Deb Haaland as the Biden Administration's Secretary of the Interior.

Submitted by Carin Chase, State Committee Member, PCO HOLLY, President, Washington State Federation of Democratic Women

Adopted on March 3, 2021