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The Honorable Richard Shelby
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Vice Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Capitol, S-146A
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Vice Chairman Leahy:

Thank you for your ongoing work on Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) appropriations bills. We are grateful that the FY20 omnibus packages were largely free of policy riders that would have deleterious consequences for public health and the environment. As you know, the inclusion of such unrelated provisions has undermined the Senate's ability in previous years to pass appropriations bills. To help maintain regular order and to ensure bipartisan support, we urge you to keep the FY21 appropriations bills free of any controversial anti-environmental policy riders.

Sincerely,

/s/ Benjamin L. Cardin

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United States Senator

/s/ Sheldon Whitehouse

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/s/ Tom Udall

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/s/ Margaret Wood Hassan

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/s/ Chris Van Hollen

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/s/ Kirsten Gillibrand

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/s/ Richard Blumenthal

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/s/ Jack Reed

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/s/ Gary C. Peters

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/s/ Debbie Stabenow

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/s/ Catherine Cortez Masto

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/s/ Ron Wyden

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/s/ Patty Murray

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/s/ Tammy Duckworth

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/s/ Sherrod Brown

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/s/ Robert Menendez

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