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

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce applauds the Committee for reexamining the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) and considering the “Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018.”

The Chamber believes we need to protect species in the United States that are threatened with extinction. Efforts to protect endangered species should be carried out in a reasonable and science-based manner that takes into consideration the impact of the method of protection. In recent years, outside interest groups have used the tactic of “sue and settle” to drive the ESA regulatory agenda in a direction that fails to appropriately take these considerations into account.

The Chamber believes that the Committee could improve the ESA through amendments that increase transparency, empower states, enhance regulatory certainty, and encourage conservation through resource prioritization.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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