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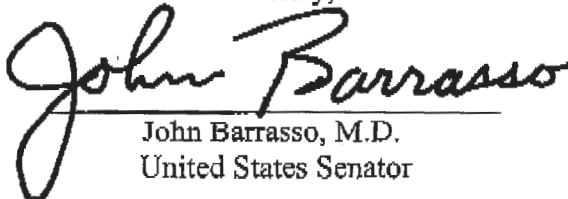
Dear Secretary Zinke:

First, let me congratulate you on your confirmation. There are many challenges that you will face in your role as Secretary of Interior and I am extremely confident that you are more than up to the challenge. My door is always open and I look forward to working with you on the broad range of Interior issues that are of particular interest to the states in the west.

I also wanted to make you aware of a letter that Senator Enzi and I sent to the President regarding an individual who we believe would be an excellent Director for the National Park Service. His name is Rob Wallace. Rob was born and raised in Wyoming. He has had an impressive career, both in the private sector and government service, including with the National Park Service. More importantly, wherever his career took him, Rob's love and passion for the outdoors and the parks never changed. As you look for individuals to fill out your Department, I would ask that you give Rob Wallace careful consideration.

Again, congratulations on assuming the role of Secretary of the Interior. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can be of help.

Sincerely,


John Barrasso, M.D.
United States Senator

Enc: Letter to The President

United States Senate

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February 15, 2017

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Our National Park system is in need of strong leadership and expertise to address the many challenges it faces. As you continue to fill key positions within your Administration, we write today to share our strong support for Rob Wallace to lead the National Park Service and ask that you give him your serious consideration for the position.

Mr. Wallace is a uniquely qualified candidate with a critical mix of private sector and agency experience. He would be an outstanding asset to you and to your new Secretary of the Interior.

Mr. Wallace was a senior executive at General Electric and led a highly successful team for GE-Energy for 17 years. Prior to that, as a member of the Reagan Administration, he served successfully as assistant director of the National Park Service for congressional and legislative affairs. Following his time with the Department of the Interior, Mr. Wallace was Senator Malcolm Wallop's chief of staff and later named Republican staff director of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. Interestingly, Mr. Wallace began his professional career with the National Park Service as a seasonal Ranger in Grand Teton National Park.

Mr. Wallace has gained a much deserved reputation for expertise on matters of the park service. He has a critical understanding of finding the proper balance between conservation and preservation, and human needs, and using all necessary resources to achieve that balance. He continues to this day fostering the public-private partnerships that have done so much to protect and enhance these special places.

To maintain the integrity of America's National Parks into the next 100 years, innovative approaches to managing our parks will be required. As a leading member of the Grand Teton National Park Foundation and the Yellowstone Park Foundation, he has successfully put those innovations into practice.

We appreciate your consideration of Rob Wallace. He would be an outstanding individual to serve you and the nation as Director of the National Park Service.

Sincerely,


Michael B. Enzi
United States Senator


John Barrasso, M.D.
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