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President Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear President Trump:

I am writing regarding today's announcement that you intend to nominate William Perry Pendley to be the Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). While I strongly oppose his nomination, I encourage you to expedite this process so he can testify before the American people immediately and be held accountable for his anti-public lands record and views.

For far too long, Acting Director Pendley has run the BLM without submitting himself to a public process. He has a long track record of undermining our public lands. Acting Director Pendley publicly supported selling off our public lands, much of which he currently manages today. He worked against local communities when he fought to drill in the Badger-Two Medicine area in Montana. He has worked for years to eliminate or gut environmental protections that preserve our public lands, and the jobs that depend on them. In his current role, Acting Director Pendley is subject to so many conflicts of interests it is incredibly difficult to see how he can remain independent while overseeing the BLM. An expedited public vetting process will allow the American people to finally get answers to questions they have waited nearly a year to ask him.

I respectfully ask that you expedite submission of his nomination and advocate for him to appear before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources by August 7th.

Sincerely,



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