



January 13, 2017

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski,

The Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) unwaveringly supports the nomination by President-Elect Trump of Representative Ryan Zinke (R-MT) to serve as United States Secretary of the Interior. This position will fill a critical role in leading an agency which has great influence on the outdoor recreation economy through management of our nation's iconic public lands and waters.

RVIA is the premier national trade association representing recreation vehicle (RV) manufacturers and suppliers who together build more than 98 percent of all RVs produced in the U.S. The RV industry contributes \$49.7 billion to the U.S. economy and provides 289,852 full-time jobs to American workers.

Outdoor recreation in the United States contributes to our gross domestic product and Americans' physical and mental health. It brings foreign visitors to our country and brings families closer together. Most fundamentally, outdoor recreation is an economic powerhouse and a major driver of job creation and economic growth. The outdoor recreation industry contributes nearly \$650 billion in economic output and supports \$6.1 million American jobs.

We applaud Secretary-nominee Zinke for being an outdoor recreation champion and co-sponsoring the Outdoor Recreation Jobs and Economic Impact (REC) Act of 2016. This new law tasks the Department of Commerce (in conjunction with the Secretary of the Interior and others) to develop groundbreaking baseline statistics that showcase the importance of outdoor recreation as a distinct component of the U.S. economy.

RVIA is committed to working in partnership with Secretary-nominee Zinke to continue to grow the outdoor recreation economy, expand recreational access at federally managed lands and waters to ensure that all Americans have the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, address infrastructure needs, partner to modernize federal campgrounds, and create more jobs for American workers, many in rural areas.

RVIA looks forward to collaborating with Secretary-nominee Zinke and his team to implement the meaningful change our country needs in order to make America's great outdoors great again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Hugelmeyer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Frank Hugelmeyer

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