

September 17, 2012

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Chairman, Committee on Environment  
and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Rebecca L. Schmidt, Director  
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The Honorable Thomas R. Carper with cc to Senator John Barrasso  
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