

USGS COALITION

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Dear Senators,

On behalf of the USGS Coalition, we would like to thank you for your prompt consideration of the nomination of Dr. Tim Petty to be Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior. The position oversees the U.S. Geological Survey and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Dr. Petty brings both scientific and policy experience to the assistant secretary position, which he previously filled in an acting capacity. In addition to his years of experience on Capitol Hill and in the Department of the Interior, he has a Ph.D. in water science and policy and an M.S. in the geosciences. Members of the USGS Coalition who have worked with Dr. Petty have found him to be a willing partner. We look forward to continuing to work with him in his new capacity.

The USGS Coalition is an alliance of more than 85 organizations committed to the continued vitality of the USGS and its ability to provide critical data and services that support responsible natural resource stewardship, improve resilience to natural and human-induced hazards, and contribute to the long-term health, security, and prosperity of the nation.

Sincerely,



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