

United States Professional Guides and Outfitters Associations

February 3, 2012

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington DC 20250

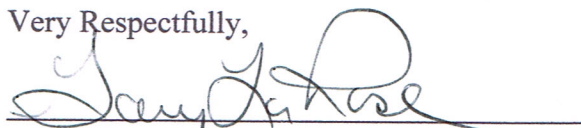
The Honorable Ken Salazar
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW
Washington DC 20240

Dear Secretaries Vilsack and Salazar,

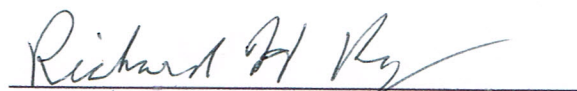
On behalf of the combined Professional Guide and Outfitter Associations (USPGOA) of the United States we want to thank you for your continued support of the great industry and way of life that we represent in America. USPGOA is a group of leadership representatives from the various long standing state associations which support guided hunting and outfitting services. We have been meeting in an ad-hoc manner twice a year for many years to discuss common concerns and to help each other find solutions that will help to provide long term sustainability to our significant and important rural America industry.

We are writing you to show our combined support for the continuation of Robert Fithian to serve on your Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council as a representative for our industry. We also want to take this written moment to show our appreciation for this important council and your willingness for us to have a representative on it. As you know, we represent an industry that is long-term sustainable, but is also dependent upon the wildlife conservation, wilderness and industry stewardship measures to support it. We feel that Mr. Fithian will continue to work as an excellent ambassador for us on this Council.

Very Respectfully,


GARY LAROSE

Alaska Professional Hunters Association


Richard H RAY

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