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The Honorable John Thune  
Senate Majority Leader  
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Senate Minority Leader  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Minority Leader Schumer:

On behalf of millions of National Rifle Association members across the country, I write today to support the nomination of Governor Doug Burgum as Secretary of the Interior and urge a “yes” vote on his confirmation.

One of the core missions of the National Rifle Association is to promote hunter safety and to promote and defend hunting as a shooting sport. This includes recognizing hunting as a vital and necessary method for fostering the propagation, growth, conservation and wise use of our renewable wildlife resources. The federal lands managed by the Department of the Interior are crucial to this mission.

Throughout his career in public service, Governor Burgum has demonstrated his respect for hunting as a primary use of public lands and his commitment to protecting and expanding access for hunters and recreational shooters. Governor Burgum possesses a unique understanding of the public access and land management issues which fall under the purview of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

As Governor, Burgum championed policies to preserve North Dakota’s hunting heritage for current and future generations. Furthermore, Governor Burgum signed several NRA-sponsored pieces of legislation into law, including providing protections for defensive firearm use and expanding constitutional carry.

As demonstrated by his proven leadership, we have every confidence Doug Burgum will work diligently to preserve and protect America’s hunting heritage and effectively manage our public lands. Therefore, we strongly endorse his confirmation as Secretary of the Interior. Due to the importance of this issue to millions of NRA members, as well as tens of millions of American hunters and gun owners, votes on his confirmation will be considered in future candidate evaluations and we will notify our members accordingly.

Sincerely,

John Commerford  
Executive Director