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Via electronic mail

Senator Joe Manchin, Chair
Senator John Barrasso, Ranking member
Energy and Natural Resources Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senators Manchin and Barrasso,

I write in support of the nomination of Tracy Stone-Manning of Montana to serve as the director of the Bureau of Land Management.

In 2008, Boich Companies partnered with FirstEnergy Corporation to acquire Signal Peak Energy in Montana. Signal Peak is the only underground coal mine in the state and is one of the world's top producing long wall operations. Our mine is successful because of its workers, Montanans who put in long, hard work every day. I am financially invested in the mine's success as an owner, but I am personally invested in its success because I genuinely care about our Montana employees.

So does Tracy Stone-Manning. Tracy served as director of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality from January 2013 until November 2014, and then as Governor Bullock's chief of staff until 2017. In those capacities, Tracy consistently had an open door and an open mind. She was fair, pragmatic and never jumped to conclusions. She was firm but frank, so our company always knew where it stood with her on any given issue. Most importantly, we always knew that she was guided by law and science.



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Tracy and I do not share a political affiliation, but that does not prevent me from standing in support of her confirmation. I believe she will serve the Bureau and the country well and I urge you to support her confirmation.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wayne M. Boich
Chairman and CEO
Boich Investment Group

Cc: Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee Members