

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0506

December 11, 2024

Dear Democratic Colleagues,

We write in strong support of Jared Huffman to serve as Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee. Each of us has served with Jared on the Committee and we have witnessed his leadership, dedication, and commitment to the issues at the core of the Committee's work. That leadership is needed now more than ever.

With twelve years of experience on the committee and a career devoted to protecting our public lands and waters, addressing climate change and advocating for frontline and indigenous communities, Jared is well prepared for the unprecedented challenges we are about to face starting in just a few weeks. We appreciate his leadership not only as Ranking Member/Chair of the Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife, and Fisheries, but also his work on the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis when Democrats last held the majority; and most recently, his foresight this year in launching the Stop Project 2025 Task Force.

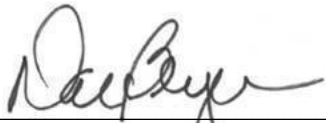
The Natural Resources Committee will be a key battleground as we brace for an onslaught of attacks on the fundamental rights of our communities and our environment. Jared is the kind of leader we need at this critical time – always prepared, substantive, principled, collaborative, and respectful of different perspectives and viewpoints. He knows how to navigate the policy and the politics to get things done and that is what we need right now

We are grateful to our colleague Raúl Grijalva for his many years of service and for guiding the Natural Resource Committee through many challenges and opportunities with passion and dedication. We agree with Jared that Rep. Grijalva should be honored as Ranking Member Emeritus and included as a partner in committee leadership as he enters the final term of his distinguished congressional career.

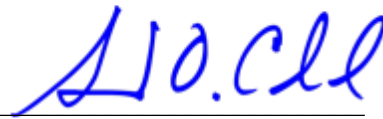
All members of the 119th Congress must be ready on Day 1 for the coming storm. The second Trump administration will test our unity and resolve like never before. Strong and effective committee work will be crucial at all times. With Jared Huffman as Ranking Member, we know the Natural Resources Committee will be in the best possible hands, ready from Day 1 to protect our planet, defend vulnerable communities, and chart a sustainable and equitable path forward.

Please join us in supporting Jared Huffman as Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Committee.

Sincerely,



Don Beyer
Member of Congress



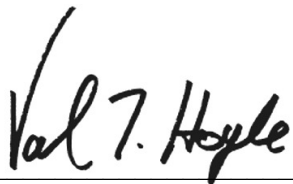
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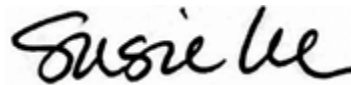
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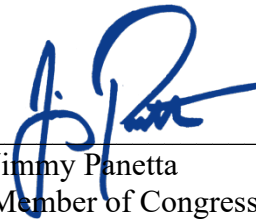
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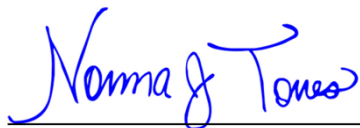
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