

April 9, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-230
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
U.S. Capitol Building, Room S-224
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and Minority Leader Schumer:

The American Gas Association (AGA) expresses full support for the nomination of Acting Secretary David Bernhardt to the position of Secretary of the Department of Interior (DOI). Mr. Bernhardt's background and unwavering dedication to our nation's precious public lands illustrate his qualifications for this position. As Acting Secretary, Mr. Bernhardt has fostered bipartisan collaboration in Congress and has worked with local communities to implement programs and legislation that focus on both conservation and the interests of hardworking American families.

We urge the U.S. Senate to confirm Acting Secretary David Bernhardt with bipartisan support and put in place a steward who understands the intricacies of managing our nation's public lands.

AGA, founded in 1918, represents more than 200 local energy companies that deliver clean natural gas throughout the United States. There are more than 74 million residential, commercial and industrial natural gas customers in the U.S., of which 95 percent—more than 71 million customers—receive their gas from AGA members. Today, natural gas meets more than one-fourth of the nation's energy needs.

Sincerely,



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