

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
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The Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary
U.S. Department of the Interior
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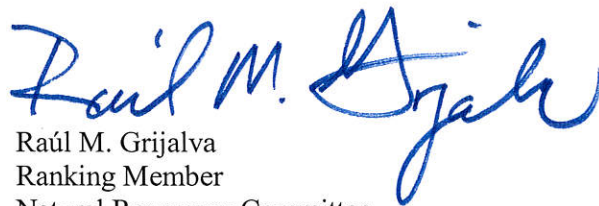
Dear Secretary Zinke:

I write to request a meeting with you regarding Democratic priorities and the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 budget. In the past you've offered to meet with me and my staff quarterly. Our last meeting was in October 2017 and we are now overdue for our next meeting.

I appreciated the precautions you took to protect the discussion of top secret Department of the Interior information at our last meeting, had such discussion been required, by insisting that we conduct that meeting in the Office of House Security's Sensitive Compartmentalized Information Facility (SCIF). However, I anticipate that the priorities of the Democratic Members and an FY 19 budget discussion should not require top secret clearance, but please let us know if you feel differently.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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