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The Honorable John Barrasso, MD
Chairman, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: *The Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018*

Dear Chairman Barrasso:

On behalf of Anadarko Petroleum Corporation ("Anadarko"), one of the world's largest independent oil and natural gas exploration and production companies, I wish to express our support of the proposed legislation, *The Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018*. Thank you for your continued leadership that supports common sense solutions to help recover more species while recognizing the economic benefits of environmentally responsible energy development.

Anadarko has been engaged with this issue since 2015 through the Western Governors Association ("WGA") and Wyoming Governor Matt Mead's Species Conservation and Endangered Species Act ("ESA") Initiative. This important effort sought to create a mechanism for states and stakeholders to share best practices in species management, promote the role of states in species conservation, and explore options for improving the ESA. The bipartisan recommendations that grew organically out of this collaborative process are embodied in this legislation, which builds on the tremendous engagement conducted through the WGA effort. The legislation as currently drafted will help recover imperiled wildlife and enable agency resources to be maximized to address wildlife issues across the United States.

The ESA was enacted in 1973, followed only by amendments in 1978 and 1979. The proposed legislation addresses many overdue needs for implementing and protecting biodiversity on U.S. soil. It will further advance the original intent of halting the trend toward species extinction. It also captures the benefits from over 40 years of technological advances, scientific research and experience and ensures policies, such as transparency and regulatory certainty, of the twenty-first century are secured.

We look forward to working with the committee to advance this important legislation and its critical improvements to modernize the ESA.

Sincerely,

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Greg Pensabene
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