July 17, 2013

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of the National Hispanic Leadership Agenda (NHLA), a coalition of the 36 leading national Latino organizations in the country, I write to respectfully urge you to vote in support of Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva as the next ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee.

We believe the next ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee must ensure the voices of all Americans are heard and can bring the perspective, values, and needs of the Latino community to policymaking. Congressman Grijalva has shown a sensitivity and understanding of the policy, social, economic environmental and demographic change in our country that will serve the Natural Resources Committee and the American people well.

NHLA had the privilege of meeting with Congressman Grijalva many times and was consistently impressed with his dedication to ensure that every American has a safe and healthy environment to live, work, play and go to school. Throughout his career in public service – and especially his work as ranking member of the National Parks, Forest, and Public Lands Subcommittee—he has developed strong policy expertise about the many issues important to the Latino community that come before the committee. He spearheaded major environmental initiatives, such as new federal protections on a range of pristine or ecologically sensitive lands, enhance Gulf Coast oil spill recovery and accountability measures and a uranium mining moratorium currently in place at the Grand Canyon, while working with diverse stakeholders build sensible, commonsense solutions.

Congressman Grijalva is eminently qualified and we strongly urge you to vote in support of him as the next ranking member of the House Natural Resources Committee.

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Sincerely,

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