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**Secretary Trujillo Issues Statement of Support Following Interior
Secretary Nominee Deb Haaland’s Confirmation Hearing**

SANTA FE – New Mexico Indian Affairs Department Cabinet Secretary Lynn Trujillo on Tuesday issued the following statement of support following Interior Secretary Nominee Deb Haaland’s Confirmation Hearing.

“Our country has never seen a president’s cabinet nominee begin confirmation in an indigenous language. President Biden’s nomination of Congresswoman Haaland to lead the Interior Department is historic for so many New Mexicans and Native people. We are so proud to see members of the Senate recognize her for her fierce advocacy for native people and the responsibilities and obligations of that high office. Her commitment to working in a bipartisan fashion will help to ensure that we move our nation forward and protect our land, air and water. Today, the values that have preserved and sustained indigenous communities, the values that Congresswoman Haaland exemplifies, will guide our nation through the Department of the Interior.”

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