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The North Carolina Democratic Party, Native American Caucus supports President-elect Biden's nomination of Representative Debra Haaland to the cabinet position of Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Representative Haaland will help enable the Biden/Harris vision for dealing with climate change, addressing the COVID-19 pandemic in Indian Country, confirming an effective economic plan for Indian Tribes, Alaskan Natives and Native Hawaiians and communities, and overseeing the protection of public lands.

Representative Haaland demonstrated her capacity in all of these areas, and will be the first American Indian person to head the Department of Interior and second in a Cabinet position. She will inspire and provide hope not only to the American Indians of this land, but to all who have a vision for the future.

It is our hope that the US Senate will swiftly confirm Representative Haaland. She has already shown her ability to engage in bi-partisan initiatives, while firmly maintaining her values and integrity. After nearly a century since an American Indian held a Cabinet level post, Representative Haaland's nomination marks a historic moment, in which Indigenous Peoples are no longer invisible.

Thank you Representative Haaland for making a difference in American Indian lives.

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