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**ARA and ANVCA Congratulate Secretary Haaland on her Groundbreaking Confirmation**

The ANCSA Regional Association (ARA) and the Alaska Native Village Corporation Association (ANVCA) issued the below statement following the confirmation of Representative Debra Haaland to serve as Secretary for the Department of Interior:

*“This is a momentous day for Indigenous peoples. We congratulate Representative Haaland on her groundbreaking confirmation to lead the Department of Interior.*

*While we share differing views on key matters impacting Alaskan Natives, it was encouraging to see the Secretary recognize the nuances of Alaska’s tribal organizations and the important services Alaska Native corporations provide.*

*ARA and ANVCA look forward to holding Secretary Haaland to these important acknowledgements as we get to rebuilding Alaskan Native communities devastated by the human and economic cost of COVID-19. There is much work to be done.”*

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