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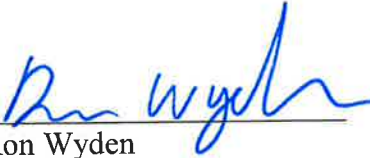
Dear Acting Director:

I understand your office has opened an inquiry into the existence of a Department of Interior Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) policy that may be allowing political appointees to delay and potentially thwart the release of information to the public. I am writing to ask that you include in the scope of your investigation the role Deputy Solicitor Daniel Jorjani played in establishing DOI's "supplemental" FOIA review policy or any awareness he may have had of the policy's existence before his confirmation hearing on May 2, 2019.

I believe Mr. Jorjani may have misled the Senate Committee on Natural Resources over his role in the program during his confirmation hearing. I have separately asked the Department of Justice to investigate whether Mr. Jorjani perjured himself to the Committee but I believe your investigation may be the best hope of uncovering information critical to a possible DOJ investigation before the Senate moves forward with his confirmation vote.

You may contact Malcolm McGeary in my office at (202) 224-5244, or by email at Malcolm_McGeary@wyden.senate.gov, with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter,

Sincerely,


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