

Senator Al Franken 515 W 1st St Suite 104 Duluth, MN 55802 August 5, 2016

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The petition, which I brought to the attention of Blaise Sheridan in your D.C. office several months ago, is self-explanatory. I have also spoken with Mr. Sheridan over the phone regarding a related report that was mailed to your D.C. and St. Paul offices earlier.

Please note that the enclosed petition does not ask you to "take sides" on the issue at hand. Rather, it simply asks you to ensure that two of the U.S. Senate committees on which you sit that have jurisdiction in this matter (the Senate Energy Subcommittee on Forests, Public Lands & Mining and the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs) hold objective hearings on an issue that matters dearly to many of your constituents – not just those who live on the Range.

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Senator Amy Klobuchar Olcott Plaza, Room 105 820 9th Street North Virginia, MN 55792 August 5, 2016

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You will notice that the stack of papers contains two versions of the petition: One is addressed to both you and Senator AI Franken, and the other to Senator Franken alone. The latter was developed and circulated first, prior to the author's knowledge that you, too, sit on an important U.S. Senate committee with jurisdiction in this matter. Since the signers of the original petition were indeed seeking Congressional oversight hearings on the issue at hand, I am forwarding to you the complete compliment of petitions. As one business owner said to me, she was "100% comfortable" that those who signed the original petition at her establishment would have also signed the dual senator version.

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Senator Amy Klobuchar sits on the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition & Forestry **AND** its Subcommittee on **Conservation, Forestry & Natural Resources** that directly oversees U.S. Forest Service actions involving land exchanges.

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Senators Franken and Klobuchar, due to their respective Senate Committee appointments, are in a unique position to make this happen.

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