## THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 21, 1975

Dear Mr. Meiners:

The President sent me a copy of your recent message concerning the nomination of Governor Hathaway to be Secretary of the Interior. I appreciate your taking the time to share your ideas with us on this subject.

As you know, the competing national priorities of energy independence and environmental protection will require difficult decisions in the coming months. The President feels that Governor Hathaway's experience in Wyoming can contribute to a balanced approach in making these decisions. I can assure you that your point of view has been given serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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