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Dear Tom,

Congratulations on receiving the Alaska Wilderness League's Mardy Murie Lifetime Achievement Award.

I have met no person more passionately engaged in politics for the benefit of wild places than you. As someone who shares your passion for wilderness, I know fewer still who are as effective in advocating for the protection of these treasures.

These are dark times in the fight to protect America's greatest wild places — including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge — but I take comfort in the fact that you keep leading this good fight.

Congratulations on this great and well-deserved honor. I hope you have a wonderful celebration and that some of the people assembled to honor you double down on their efforts to protect our remaining wild places.

I am grateful for your friendship.

Yours truly,

Harry Reid