



National Association of Conservation Districts

November 12, 2020

President-Elect Joseph R. Biden
c/o Biden-Harris Transition Team
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear President-Elect Biden:

On behalf of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and our nation's 3,000 conservation districts and state and territory associations, as well as the 17,000 locally-elected and appointed district officials who lead them, we would like to congratulate you on being elected President of the United States, and we look forward to working with you and members of your transition team in the weeks and months ahead.

NACD represents America's conservation districts and the men and women who serve as public officials on their governing boards. Conservation districts are local units of government established under state law to carry out natural resource management programs at the local level. Conservation districts work with millions of cooperating landowners and operators across the United States to help them manage and protect land and water resources on private and public lands, both urban and rural.

Conservation districts were born out of the adversity of the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, and since the creation of the nation's first conservation district in 1937, NACD and our members have collaborated across federal, state and local government to deliver conservation assistance to landowners on all landscapes. We also educate the next generation of conservation leaders through initiatives like the international NCF-Envirothon program. Our nation's conservation districts serve diverse communities across the country and work in partnership with federal government agencies, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Together, we strive to better manage our nation's soils, waterways and habitats and to address a wide range of natural resource concerns, including soil health, wildfire and mitigating the effects of a changing climate. Conservation districts continue to safely and effectively deliver conservation assistance despite the ongoing issues of the pandemic, and we continue to find opportunities to adapt during this unprecedented time in our nation's history.

NACD congratulates you on your election as the 46th President of the United States of America, and we look forward to working with your Administration in the coming years.

Sincerely,

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Tim Palmer
NACD President

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Michael Crowder
NACD President-Elect

Cc: The Honorable Ted Kaufman, The Honorable Michelle Lujan-Grisham, The Honorable Cedric Richmond, The Honorable Jeff Zients, The Honorable Anita Dunn, Biden-Harris Transition Team Co-Chairs

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