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Ms. Deb Haaland
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Deb Haaland,

The Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) is proud to present you with the 2018 Climate Justice Award. We do so not only because of your historic candidacy seeking to become the first Native American woman to serve in the US Congress but also because of your unwavering leadership in pursuit of environmental stewardship, social equity and the common good.

In brave ways you integrally champion the rights of disenfranchised people and the preservation of life on earth:

You have stood with Standing Rock and for divestment from Wells Fargo due to their support for the Dakota Access Pipeline and other harmful, inhumane and/or irresponsible banking practices;

Even though you are running in a state with major oil and gas influences, you unequivocally advocate for bold climate leadership, including 100% renewable energy. You are steadfast in support of regulating polluters - including standing up against the rampant methane pollution in New Mexico - and you insist on accountability;

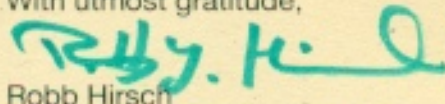
You treat water as sacred, ensuring water is kept clean and available for all. You believe in restorative agriculture and healthy soil, which is good for farmers, our health and the climate. You care to safeguard biodiversity which respects all species, and you know that the well being of people, the health of our environment and success of our economy are essentially intertwined; for instance, you have encouraged businesses including the Laguna Development Corporation to adopt earth friendly and socially responsible practices;

You have been a leader standing up not only for environmental rights but for the essential human rights of all people including indigenous peoples, immigrants, the LGBTQ community, working families and so many others who have felt under-represented and under-served.

Ultimately, in all these vital ways and countless more, you "take into deep regard," as you say, "the harmony that must exist between people and the land — if we are to sustain ourselves and create such a path for future generations."

We are honored to present you with this award along with a seed grant in your name to the Native American Voting Alliance (NAVA) - specifically the NAVA Education Project - in support of voter registration. Voting and registering people to vote is one of the most important ways we the people can bring forth climate justice. Please if you would write us a letter letting us know what this award means to you so we can place your letter on our website for posterity.

With utmost gratitude,



Robb Hirsch
Founder & Executive Director