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**AOGA's statement on confirmation of Mr. Joe Balash as US Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Lands & Minerals Management**

**ANCHORAGE** – December 7, 2017- The Alaska Oil and Gas Association's (AOGA) President & CEO Kara Moriarty released the following statement today in response to the United States Senate's confirmation of Mr. Joe Balash as the U.S. Department of Interior Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management.

"Alaskans and the entire country will benefit from the confirmation of Mr. Balash today by the U.S. Senate as the Assistant Secretary for Lands and Minerals Management for the Department of Interior. I've known Joe for almost 20 years and he cares deeply about our state and nation. I have no doubt he will continue his track record of being one of the hardest working public servants. He will seek and listen to the views of diverse stakeholders in reaching fair decisions. Joe Balash will be an excellent Assistant for Secretary Zinke as they make America energy dominant."

AOGA is a professional trade association whose mission is to foster the long-term viability of the oil and gas industry in Alaska for the benefit of all Alaskans. More information about the organization can be found at [www.aoga.org](http://www.aoga.org), on Facebook (AlaskaOilAndGas), and twitter (@AOGA).  
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