

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2600

January 28, 2021

The Honorable Joe Biden
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to you today with grave concern regarding your recent actions banning new oil and gas permitting on public lands and waters. As you may know, oil and gas revenues are essential for critical infrastructure and widely supported conservation efforts. We strongly urge you to rescind your recent actions banning new oil and gas permitting on public lands and waters.

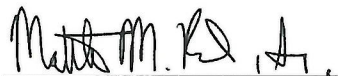
As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has and continues to have a deep economic effect on our country. Most recently, effects of the pandemic have reduced oil and gas prices and production resulting in a deafening blow to federal royalties, which provide critical support to a handful of state policies and programs.

Revenues from oil and gas leases on onshore federal lands totaled \$4.202 billion in FY2019, providing royalties totaling, \$2.931 billion, of which \$2.002 billion went to states and \$444 million to the Treasury General Fund.¹ In FY19, offshore royalty collections totaled \$2.109 billion from April to August alone.² These funds provide for critical infrastructure such as roads, hospitals, schools, and conservation projects like the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

Your decision to ban new oil and gas permitting on public lands and waters is harmful to an already struggling oil and gas industry. The COVID-19 pandemic has cut offshore royalties by 57% alone, and your decisions will cripple industries critical to many states and local governments. This decision will destroy good-high paying jobs in a time of economic uncertainty.

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Sincerely,



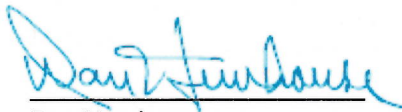
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¹ <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R46537>

² <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF11649>



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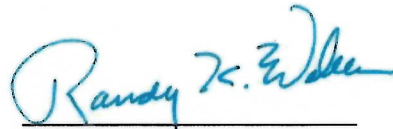
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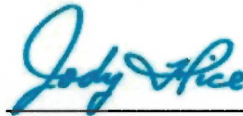
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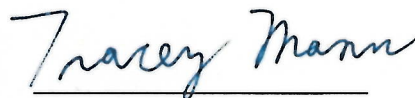
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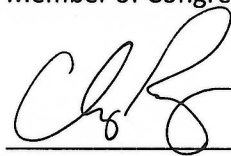
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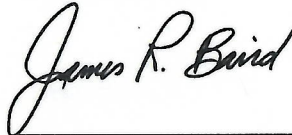
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