



June 25, 2014

The Honorable Doc Hastings
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Hastings:

Western Energy Alliance is pleased to support H.R. 4899 – The *Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America that Works Act*. The Alliance represents more than 480 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of natural gas and oil across the West. The majority of our members are small businesses yet collectively drill 94% of onshore oil and natural gas wells and account for 65% of onshore natural gas production and 54% of onshore oil production. Our industry supports almost 4 million direct, indirect and induced jobs, 3% of the total U.S. workforce, and generates \$131 billion in annual federal and state taxes.

Our member companies more than any other are uniquely aware of the dozens and dozens of regulatory roadblocks that have been put in place by this Administration to prevent smart, responsible and measured development of the American taxpayer's energy resources. H.R. 4899 takes important steps to remove these roadblocks.

Passage of this legislation will increase production on federal lands in the West while protecting wildlife, water, and air resources. It will increase long-term revenues to state and local governments and the federal treasury while helping to bolster American manufacturing, transportation, and infrastructure. It brings badly needed accountability and performance goals to federal regulatory agencies and provides much-needed certainty to industry, consumers, and state and local governments.

We appreciate your efforts and strongly support the passage of H.R. 4899. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. M. Sgamma", is written over a horizontal line.

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