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TO: All Member Offices
House Natural Resources Committee

RE: Natural Resources Committee Recommendations to the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction

To ensure that all Committee Members are able to participate in making "recommendations for changes in law to reduce the deficit" to the Joint Select Committee to assist it in achieving its goal "to reduce the deficit by at least $1,500,000,000,000 over the period of fiscal years 2012 to 2021" as provided for in Public Law 112-25, Chairman Hastings has chosen to adopt an open process similar to the transmission of "views and estimates" to the Budget Committee on matters under our jurisdiction. This provides the Majority, the Minority and individual Members an opportunity to submit their recommendations to the Joint Select Committee.

It is Chairman Hastings' intention to circulate his draft recommendations by Noon next Wednesday, October 12th. Members will have the opportunity to sign-on to these recommendations and/or submit their own additional recommendations on matters under our Committee's jurisdiction by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 13th. On October 14th, the recommendations from the House Natural Resources Committee will be compiled in a single document and submitted to the Joint Select Committee. Copies of the final submission will be provided to all Committee Members.

In submitting additional recommendations, please provide a printed copy of the recommendations with an original Member's signature and typed name to Kathy Loden, Director of Legislative Operations, in 1324 Longworth by 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 13th. Please contact Kathy Loden at x61342 with any questions.

Chairman Hastings asks that Members please remember that this is an opportunity to act in their capacity as Members of the Natural Resources Committee. As such, in preparing recommendations, Members are asked to please respect the authority of fellow House Committees and focus deficit-reducing recommendations only upon those matters expressly under the Natural Resources Committee's jurisdiction listed in House Rule X.