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Chairman Rob Bishop
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Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

The International Association of Drilling Contractors (IADC) supports energy laws and regulations that responsibly enable the exploration and production of oil and natural gas on Federal lands. We know that protecting the environment and promoting oil and natural gas development are not mutually exclusive goals. Unfortunately, despite soaring production levels in the U.S., production on Federal lands continues to lag behind production on state and private lands. As a result, the Federal government is losing out on million of dollars in royalties, bonus bids and lease rental payments that are instead being invested on state and private lands.

In seeking to boost onshore energy development on Federal lands, IADC supports the following four bills that seek to eliminate delays in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) onshore permitting process:

H.R. 6087: Removing Barriers to Energy Independence Act allows the Secretary of Interior to levy fees to recoup the cost of processing administrative protests for oil and gas lease sales as well as drilling permit and right-of-way applications.

H.R. 6088: Streamlining Permitting Efficiencies in Energy Development Act amends the Mineral Leasing Act to address projects with a small environmental footprint.

H.R. 6106: Common Sense Permitting Act streamlines oil and gas permitting by amending the 2005 Energy Policy Act to clarify "the authorized categorical exclusions and authorize additional categorical exclusions" within the process.

H.R. 6107: Ending Duplicative Permitting Act reduces regulations for drilling federally owned subsurface minerals on nonfederal surface land. It stipulates that the Bureau of Land Management does not require drilling permits for such activities conducted on non-federal surface estate to access subsurface mineral estate that is less than 50 percent federally owned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Craddock", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Elizabeth Craddock
Vice President, Government & Industry Affairs

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