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Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR),  
Chairman House Committee on Natural Resources  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

***RE: House Committee on Natural Resources Reconciliation Provisions***

Dear Chairman Westerman,

EnerGeo Alliance strongly supports your efforts to support President Trump's drive to unleash energy development through commonsense, science-based measures in budget reconciliation. This comprehensive bill addresses critical issues related to energy exploration and production and natural resource management.

Founded in 1971, the EnerGeo Alliance is a global trade association for the energy geoscience industry, the intersection where earth science and energy meet. Providing solutions to revolutionize the energy evolution, the EnerGeo Alliance and its member companies span more than 50 countries, representing onshore and offshore survey operators and acquisition companies, energy data and processing providers, energy companies, equipment and software manufacturers, industry suppliers, service providers, and consultancies. Together, our member companies are the gateway to the safe discovery, development, and delivery of mainstay sources of energy, alternative energy, and low-carbon energy solutions that meet our growing world's needs.

The reinstatement of onshore oil and gas lease sales, through legislation, and the reduction of royalty rates for production will incentivize energy development. The mandatory offshore oil and gas lease sales in the Gulf of America and Alaska, will provide certainty and stability that has been lacking in the recent past. Requiring lease sales with reduced bureaucratic and duplicative regulatory processes will enhance interest in exploration and lead to more investment in offshore energy in U.S. waters. The inclusion of geothermal leasing provisions will allow the opportunity to diversify energy sources and enhance energy security.

Streamlining National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements on Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and Environmental Assessments (EA), along

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with streamlining regulatory processes around the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) will greatly enhance certainty and stability – while maintain science-based environmental protections – on exploration activities. Further, the requirement that geoscience permits be issued, when submissions are complete, ensures our members can plan exploration activities without risk of bureaucratic delays.

The reconciliation bill includes various positive provisions which together, make energy exploration more economically attractive and will ensure the energy industry maintains a positive view of the U.S. when making investment decisions. This bill strikes a thoughtful balance between energy independence, environmental stewardship, and economic development. It provides a clear path forward for responsible resource management while generating substantial financial benefits for the federal government and local communities.

The EnerGeo Alliance applauds the Committee's efforts on this legislation. It represents a critical step toward securing America's energy future, enhancing resource management, and fostering economic growth. The energy geoscience and exploration industry stand ready to partner in the discovery and development of energy dense, low emissions sources of energy to power the world. Streamlining the permitting process along with reducing the ability for outside special interest groups to obstruct energy geoscience exploration is a necessary step to ensure our continued development of energy resources and low-carbon solutions for future generations in the U.S. We appreciate your focus on these important matters to enhance the country's energy development through common-sense legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dustin Van Liew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dustin" and last name "Van Liew" clearly distinguishable.

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