

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sally Jewell
Secretary of the Interior
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, NW, Room 5665
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Secretary Jewell:

As the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) moves forward on its rules for hydraulic fracturing on public and Indian lands, we request due consideration of existing state programs that have proved successful in the regulation of hydraulic fracturing. We further request BLM ensure that regulation not interfere with the energy potential of unconventional resource development and the associated economic benefits.

Oil and natural gas producing states have a proven track record of success when it comes to the development of oil and gas through hydraulic fracturing. Leading states like Ohio, Colorado and Texas have set a high standard of state regulation tailored to local geology and in consideration of local community needs. These long-standing, effective regulations require structural integrity, ecological consideration and certain public disclosure. As a petroleum engineer with first-hand experience drilling wells and monitoring production, I have no doubt you are very familiar with the important role of state regulators in the oil and gas industry.

Through the safe and productive development of oil and natural gas, many American communities have experienced a number of economic benefits. These include unforeseen revenues for landowners, a surge of investment in local communities and numerous high-paying jobs. The additional tax revenue has provided much-needed support to schools, public safety and local infrastructure. With the continued development of oil and natural gas, these economic benefits will continue to fuel economic recovery.

Your background and experience will provide BLM with a sensible and technical perspective. As you move forward on developing criteria for hydraulic fracturing, BLM must take all steps to prevent unnecessary duplication of proven state efforts and protect the important role hydraulic fracturing will play in meeting the needs of our domestic energy future.

Sincerely,



Bob Latta
Member of Congress



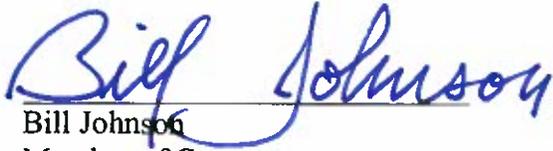
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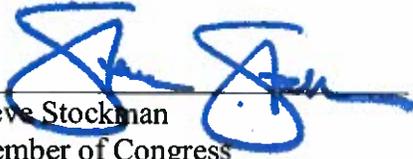
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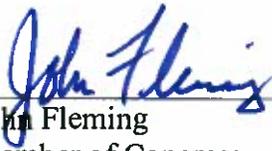
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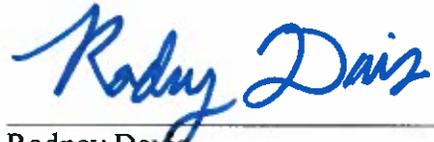
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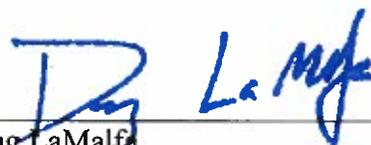
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