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The Honorable Doug Lamborn
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
House Natural Resources Committee
1333 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Lamborn:

We write to formally request a hearing on H.R. 596, the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act of 2013. This bipartisan legislation enjoys support from a broad coalition of stakeholders as well as numerous members of your subcommittee. This legislation is a critical element of a true all-of-the-above national energy strategy.

The current process for permitting wind and solar development on public lands is in need of improvement. This legislation will streamline this process and allow for a more timely approval of the most viable projects. Under H.R. 596, federal land management agencies would explore a competitive leasing system that brings renewable energy permitting in line with mineral development, including sharing royalties with impacted states and counties.

The Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act is designed to increase renewable energy development on our public lands, return revenues to states and counties, and enhance fishing, hunting, and other outdoor recreation. The bill has been developed with input from various groups across multiple fields, and will help create jobs, lend greater support to local governments, and strengthen local economies.

We respectfully urge the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee to hold a hearing on the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act so we can hear important testimony and members can ask questions in relation to this groundbreaking legislation.

Sincerely,



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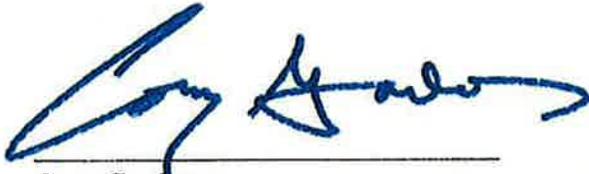
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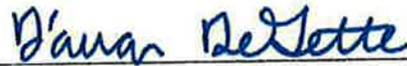
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