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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
Committee on Natural Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman:

On behalf of the National Mining Association (NMA), I write in support of H.J. Res. 105, a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution to repeal the North Dakota Resource Management Plan (RMP) and H.J. Res. 106, a CRA resolution to repeal the Central Yukon RMP. These RMPs, crafted and finalized under the Biden Administration, created de facto moratoriums on new energy and mineral development by locking up more than 17 million acres of land in North Dakota and Alaska, and blocked sections of the proposed Ambler access route.

At a time when energy and mineral demand is soaring, the Biden RMPs for North Dakota and the Central Yukon ignored the Federal Land Policy and Management Act's (FLPMA) multiple-use mandate, which charges the federal government with managing public lands according to the principles of multiple use and sustained yield. As evidenced by Congress's declaration of policy within the law, FLPMA was designed to both protect the public lands and to manage the public lands "in a manner which recognizes the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals."¹

Additionally, the Biden RMPs are in direct conflict with the Trump Administration's policies to strengthen domestic energy and mineral supply chains to meet our country's energy and infrastructure demand and to ensure U.S. national security. H.J. Res. 105 and H.J. Res. 106 would repeal the Biden RMPs and enable the Department of the Interior to implement responsible resource development to meet our nation's surging energy and mineral needs.

¹ 43 U.S.C. § 1701(11)-(12).

I urge swift passage of these important resolutions to protect access to our public lands and ensure that the long-recognized requirement that public lands be made available for multiple uses, including meeting U.S. energy and mineral needs, is adhered to.

Sincerely,

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