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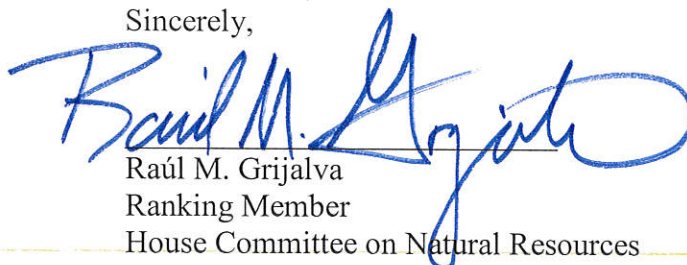
Dear Chairman Bishop:

I am writing to request that the Committee on Natural Resources hold oversight hearings on the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's *Stream Protection Rule* and the Bureau of Land Management's *Waste Prevention, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation Rule* prior to any House action attempting to repeal these rules under the terms of the Congressional Review Act.

As you are well aware, the Committee on Natural Resources under Republican leadership conducted an extensive investigation into the development of the Stream Protection Rule—which uncovered no improper political interference—and reported out a number of bills designed to stop the rule from ever being issued. However, since the proposed rule was released last July, there have been no hearings on the topic. Likewise, while there was a single hearing on the Waste Prevention rule during its development, there have been no hearings since the rule was finalized this past November.

Normally, when regulations are replaced they undergo a thorough public process of notice and comment, as occurred with the development of these two rules. But if the Republican leadership will be asking Members of Congress to undo these two important regulations by a simple majority vote from both chambers, they should at least allow Members to receive testimony on the actual content of those rules, and not simply provide them with talking points drafted by the oil, gas, and coal industries.

Sincerely,


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