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Chairman Grijalva and Ranking Member Westerman;

On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of employees and their families that we represent, we must reiterate our strong opposition to the punitive actions your committee is about to take as part of a rushed Budget Reconciliation Act.

We have made our opposition and our positions to these various proposals known in the past and they are part of the Record. Our positions have not changed.

As you head into your committee markup tomorrow, your members should be reminded of the role oil and natural gas play in the American economy. According to the Energy Information Agency:

*“Petroleum products include transportation fuels, fuel oils for heating and electricity generation, asphalt and road oil, and [feedstocks](#) for making the chemicals, plastics, and synthetic materials that **are in nearly everything we use**. In 2020, of the approximately 6.6 billion barrels of total U.S. petroleum consumption, 44% was finished motor gasoline (includes [fuel ethanol](#)), 21% was distillate fuel (heating oil and diesel fuel made from crude oil and [biomass-based diesel fuel](#)), and 6% was jet fuel. Over 13 other types of petroleum products made up the other 29% of total [petroleum consumption](#) in 2020.”*

A simple web search produces this partial list of products made from oil and natural gas. This is just a partial list of the over 6,000 different items you, your staff, and your constituents use every day. One 42-gallon barrel of oil creates 19.4 gallons of gasoline. The rest (over half) is used to make things like:

Electronics  
Bearing Grease  
Ink  
Floor Wax  
Ballpoint Pens  
Football Cleats  
Upholstery  
Sweaters  
Boats  
Insecticides  
Bicycle Tires  
Medicines  
Nail Polish  
Fishing lures  
Dresses  
Tires  
Computer Chips  
Perfumes  
Dishwasher parts  
Toolboxes  
Shoe Polish  
Motorcycle Helmet  
Caulking  
Surgical Masks  
Transparent Tape  
CD Player  
Faucet Washers  
Antiseptics  
Clothesline  
Curtains  
Food Preservatives  
Basketballs  
Soap  
Vitamin Capsules  
Antihistamines  
Purses  
Shoes  
Dashboards  
Cortisone  
Deodorant  
Shoelace Aglets  
Dyes  
Panty Hose  
Refrigerant

Percolators  
Life Jackets  
Rubbing Alcohol  
Linings  
Skis  
TV Cabinets  
Rugs  
Electrician's Tape  
Tool Racks  
Car Battery Cases  
Epoxy  
Paint  
Mops  
Insect Repellent  
Umbrellas  
Fertilizers  
Hair Coloring  
Roofing  
Toilet Seats  
Fishing Rods  
Lipstick  
Denture Adhesive  
Linoleum  
Ice Cube Trays  
Synthetic Rubber  
Speakers  
Plastic Wood  
Electric Blankets  
Glycerin  
Tennis Rackets  
Rubber Cement  
Fishing Boots  
Nylon Rope  
Candles  
Trash Bags  
House Paint  
Water Pipes  
Hand Lotion  
Roller Skates  
Surf Boards  
Shampoo  
Wheels  
Paint Rollers  
Shower Curtains

Guitar Strings  
Luggage  
Aspirin  
Safety Glasses  
Antifreeze  
Football Helmets  
Awnings  
Eyeglasses  
Clothes  
Toothbrushes  
Footballs  
Combs  
CD's & DVD's  
Paint Brushes  
Detergents  
Vaporizers  
Balloons  
Sunglasses  
Tents  
Heart Valves  
Crayons  
Parachutes  
Telephones  
Enamel  
Pillows  
Dishes  
Cameras  
Anesthetics  
Artificial Turf  
Artificial limbs  
Bandages  
Dentures  
Hand Sanitizer  
Hair Curlers  
Cold cream  
Movie film  
Soft Contact lenses  
Drinking Cups  
Medical Devices  
Shaving Cream  
Ammonia  
Refrigerators  
Golf Balls  
Toothpaste

Mr. Chairman and Ranking Member we must remind you that your actions will have consequences. Every single one of these items will cost your constituents more. These products will continue to be manufactured but with the use of petroleum products imported from Russia and Iran. The Administration has talked at length about supply chain constraints, but you are now about to act to constrain the future supply of 6,000 products we all use every day

If the Committee is successful in its efforts to ram through the proposed list of ill-conceived and punitive fees, royalties, and penalties in an effort to raise just six billion dollars in revenue, these are the consequences that will follow, and consequences you will be responsible for bringing about.

- The small businesses that remain operating on federal lands will leave because the Committee will have rendered operating on federal lands virtually impossible.
- Tens of thousands of minority jobs will be lost. Rural communities will be decimated. Tribal budgets will be eviscerated and the Native American allottees who receive royalty payments will lose those payments each month, trapping them in poverty.
- The consumer products listed above will cost more and the working-middle class and small business owners already reeling under the effects of rampant inflation will bear the brunt of those costs. The Biden Administration is clearly concerned about inflated prices at the pump or why else would they appeal to OPEC+ to increase production of oil despite the fact it is produced without the stringent environmental safeguards we produce under in the United States?
- Your vastly over-optimistic revenue projections will never be realized and instead you will have decimated an industry and the small communities that are sustained by them. Frankly, it is not clear that these provisions will raise any revenues as production inevitably flees federal lands.

The Committee has spent countless hours discussing environmental justice, yet you are about to implement one of the worst environmental and economic injustices on these rural and tribal communities in the last 100 years.

We stand in opposition and request that you reconsider your pending action tomorrow

Sincerely,



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