



January 31, 2017

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker of the House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Whiting Petroleum Corporation is in full support of the Congressional Review Act (CRA) which would repeal the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Waste Production, Production Subject to Royalties, and Resource Conservation rule.

Whiting Petroleum Corporation is the leading crude oil producer in North Dakota in the Bakken/Three Forks resource play in the Williston Basin. Headquartered in Denver, Colorado, Whiting is dedicated to protecting health and the environment. Whiting has more than 1,000 employees and contractors.

Whiting supports the CRA because BLM's creation of regulations which duplicate EPA regulations serves only to inhibit production and impede capital investment in energy production on federal and tribal lands.

Hoorah for the House Committee on Natural Resources and Chairman Bishop. The CRA is key to unleashing America's full economic potential.

Please contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

James J. Volker
Chairman, President & CEO

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