

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 10, 2015

The Honorable Sally Jewell  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

Subject: Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform  
(ONRR-2012-0004 (1012-AA13))

Dear Secretary Jewell:

We are writing to request the Department of the Interior provide a 60-day extension of the comment period for the "Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform."

The complexity of this proposed rule requires additional time for impacted parties to review the changes and provide the informed comments necessary to developing a sensible policy for states, Indian tribes, taxpayers, producers, energy customers and others. Our states and Indian tribes in particular depend heavily on the sale of federal coal, oil and gas within their borders, using royalties and other payments to pay for education, infrastructure and other public services. It is imperative that states and Indian tribes have adequate time to analyze the impact of the rule on these revenues and the health of their economies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to a timely response.

Sincerely,



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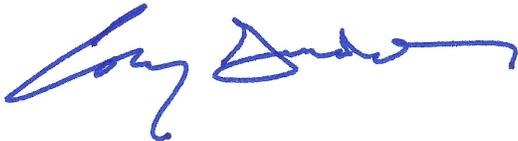
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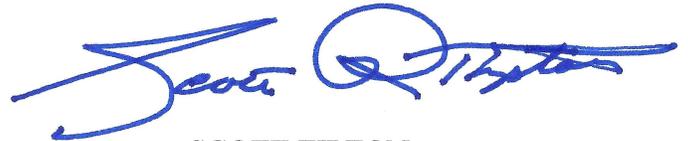
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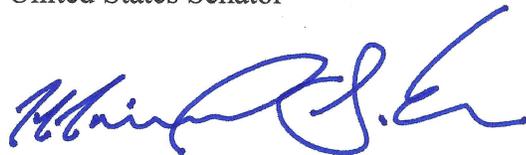
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