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To the Chair: Representative Matthew McQueen
Members of the House Energy, Natural Resources Committee

Dear Members of the House Energy, Natural Resources Committee,

RE: HJM 5

A Joint Memorial requesting the federal Bureau of Land Management to consider issuing a temporary moratorium on all fracking related lease sales and permit approvals in the Mancos Shale/Gallup formation in the greater Chaco area until the Resource Management Plan Amendment is completed.

The HJM 5 asks the NM Legislature to *request* that 1. BLM completes its Resource Management Plan Amendment before new drilling occurs in the San Juan Basin, and 2. BLM addresses the reported impacts the present level of oil development has had on area Chapter residents.

As of the January 25, 2017 lease sale, over 91% of available BLM land in the Basin has been sold for oil extraction. HJM 5 asks that legislators request the BLM to consider a temporary halt of additional sales or permits until concerns reported to Chapter leaders have been properly addressed in the pending BLM-FFO Mancos Shale/Gallup RMP-A.

Support for HJM 5:

- 15 Navajo chapter governments, including all eastern agency chapters within the FFO planning boundaries passed a [resolution](#) in concert with this memorial;
- 102 organizations endorsed a [letter](#) delivered by four Navajo chapter Presidents 1/17/17 to BLM with the memorial requests;
- 17,000 New Mexican signatures and individual comments sent 1/17/17 in opposition of the January 25 lease sale.

Members of the Committee with any questions concerning this House Joint Memorial may contact:

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