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The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cortez Masto:

Thank you for your letter dated March 26, 2021, and your engagement with the Department of the Interior (Department) during its comprehensive review of the Federal oil and gas program. Secretary Haaland asked me to respond on her behalf.

On January 27, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order 14008, entitled “*Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*,” which directed the Department to pause new oil and natural gas leasing on public lands pending a comprehensive review of the Federal oil and gas program in light of potential climate and other impacts. In response to the Executive Order, the Department held a forum on March 25, 2021, with participation from stakeholders representing environmental justice and frontline communities, academia, oil and gas industry trade associations, indigenous organizations, conservation organizations, and labor groups. The information gathered at the forum will help inform the Department’s interim report that is expected to be completed in early summer.

The report will include initial findings on the state of the Federal oil and gas program, as well as outline next steps and recommendations for the Department and Congress to implement to improve the stewardship of public lands and waters, create jobs, and build a just and equitable energy future. The Department will carefully consider your input regarding your legislation, S. 607, the End Speculative Oil and Gas Leasing Act, as part of our review.

The Department recognizes that fossil fuels will continue to play a major role in America for years to come. We also acknowledge, however, that too often the extraction of resources has been rushed to meet the false urgency of political timetables rather than reviewed with careful consideration of the impacts to the environment and future generations of Americans. The Department will continue to engage with Congress, states, and diverse stakeholders across the country, as well as conduct formal consultation with Tribes in recognition of the U.S. government’s trust responsibilities.

Thank you for your interest in the program and the management of public lands, and for sharing your input regarding your legislation. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (202) 208-3801, or your staff can contact Patrick Wilkinson, BLM Legislative Affairs Division Chief, at (202) 631-6346.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse  
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Dear Senator Whitehouse:

Thank you for your letter dated April 28, 2021, regarding the Department of the Interior's (Department) Federal oil, gas, and coal leasing programs. Secretary Haaland asked me to respond on her behalf.

On January 27, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order (EO) 14008, *Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad*, to restore balance on public lands and waters, create jobs, and provide a path to align the management of America's public lands and waters with our nation's climate, conservation, and clean energy goals. Pursuant to EO 14008, the Department is currently undertaking a comprehensive review of our fossil fuel programs to evaluate whether the program best serves the public interest. The Department will evaluate royalty rates and fiscal terms in the context of our obligations to taxpayers, as well as the climate impacts of the fossil fuel programs.

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We appreciate your detailed comments and input on ways the Department can reform its oil, gas, and coal programs and look forward to working with you in the future as we continue our program review and consider reforms. The information gathered throughout the review will help inform an interim report that the Department plans to complete this summer. The report will include initial findings on the state of the Federal conventional energy programs, as well as outline next steps and recommendations for the Department and Congress to improve stewardship of public lands and waters, create jobs, and build a just and equitable energy future.

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Rule, they will elevate issues to the relevant Assistant Secretary and to the Council on Environmental Quality.

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When considering the impact of GHG emissions from a proposed action, bureaus and offices should use appropriate tools, methodologies, and resources available to quantify GHG emissions and compare GHG quantities across alternatives. When quantifying GHG emissions is not ~~warranted possible~~ because tools, methodologies or data inputs are not reasonably available, bureaus and offices will provide a qualitative analysis and the rationale for determining that a quantitative analysis is not warranted.

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~~For instance, w~~hen a bureau or office determines that a monetized assessment of socioeconomic impacts is ~~applicable~~ relevant, the SCC protocol is an essential tool to quantify the costs and benefits associated with a proposed action’s GHG emissions and relevant to the choice among different alternatives being considered. The Climate Task Force will work in coordination with representatives on the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases as additional guidance is developed regarding the application of the social cost of greenhouse gases to decision-making, budgeting, and procurement by the Federal Government.

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/s/ Secretary

Date:



## ORDER NO.

**Subject:** Department-wide Approach to the Climate Crisis and Restoring Transparency and Integrity to the Decision-Making Process.

**Sec. 1 Purpose.** The Nation faces a profound climate crisis that requires that the Department take a wholistic approach to honor the Nation’s trust responsibilities; address the climate crisis; advance environmental justice; and build a clean energy future that creates good-paying jobs and powers our nation. This Order prioritizes action on climate change and establishes a Departmental Climate Task Force. This Order also provides instruction on how science may be used in the decision-making process and clarifies Departmental policy to improve transparency to the public on the Department’s decision-making process.

**Sec. 2 Authorities.** This Order is issued under the authority of section 2 of Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1262), as amended. Other authorities for this Order include, but are not limited to, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; Executive Order 12898, “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations” (Feb. 11, 1994); Executive Order 13175, “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” (Nov. 6, 2000); Executive Order 13990 “Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis” (Jan. 20 2021); and Executive Order 14008, “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad” (Jan. 27, 2021).

**Sec. 3 Background.** On January 20, 2021, President Biden issued Executive Order 13990, “Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis.” Among other provisions, E.O. 13990 set out the importance of accounting for the benefits of reducing climate pollution, and how “[a]n accurate social cost is essential for agencies to accurately determine the social benefits of reducing greenhouse gas emissions when conducting cost-benefit analyses of regulatory and other action.”<sup>1</sup>

President Biden also issued, Executive Order 14008, “Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad,” (Jan. 27, 2021) recognizing the profound climate crisis facing the nation and the need for a government wide approach to the climate crisis. A National Climate Task Force was established to facilitate the organization and deployment of such an approach.<sup>2</sup> Among other provisions, E.O. 14008 instructed Federal agencies to revitalize the Federal Government’s sustainability efforts by using its purchasing power to support climate action<sup>3</sup> and increase renewable energy production<sup>4</sup> as tools to help tackle climate change.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to consider the environmental effects of proposed major Federal actions, and to receive public input on those

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<sup>1</sup> E.O. 13990, Sec. 5.

<sup>2</sup> E.O. 14008, Sec. 203.

<sup>3</sup> Id. at Secs. 204 & 205.

<sup>4</sup> Id. at Sec. 207.

proposed actions to improve decision making. On July 16, 2020, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) published in the Federal Register its final rule to revise the NEPA regulations<sup>5</sup> (2020 Rule), which regulations went into effect on September 14, 2020. Consistent with E.O. 13990 CEQ has begun a review of the 2020 Rule to, among other things, determine if the rule may adversely affect environmental justice communities, climate change or environmental quality.

**Sec. 4. Climate Task Force.** A Task Force on climate change is hereby established in the Department. The Task Force counsels the Secretary in her capacity as a member of the National Climate Task Force. The Deputy Secretary and the Senior Counselor to the Secretary will serve as Co-Chairs and each Assistant Secretary will serve as members. At the discretion of the Co-Chairs, the Task Force may draw on separate bureau and Assistant Secretary representation, as appropriate, to concentrate on the climate crisis.

a. The Climate Task Force will develop a strategy to reduce pollution; improve and increase adaptation and resilience to the impacts of climate change; protect public health; and conserve Department managed lands, including the following:

(1) identifying policies and/or revisions to existing policies or practices that are needed, (b) (5)

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(2) supporting the development and use of the best available science to evaluate the greenhouse gas emissions and associated climate change impacts of federal land uses as well as opportunities to increase carbon sequestration; to predict the effects of climate change on public lands and land uses; and to assess and adopt measures to increase the resilience and adaptive capacity of public lands;

(3) implementing the review and reconsideration of federal oil and gas leasing and permitting practices in light of the Department's broad stewardship responsibilities over the public lands and in offshore waters;

(4) prioritizing and accelerating the permitting and appropriate environmental review of renewable energy projects, including associated transmission rights-of-way to deliver renewable energy, on Department managed lands and the Outer Continental Shelf;

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(6) identifying clear roles and processes for each bureau/office;

(7) working with individual states, Tribes, local governments, environmental justice communities, and other interested stakeholders on these matters; and

<sup>5</sup> 85 Fed. Reg. 43304-43376; 40 C.F.R. Parts 1500-1508 (July 16, 2020).

(8) recommending such other actions as may be necessary to fulfill the goals of this Order.

b. Program Assistant Secretaries. Program Assistant Secretaries serve as members of the Climate Task Force and are responsible for:

(1) establishing and participating in management structures that facilitate cooperation, reporting, and accountability across agencies, including the Climate Task Force; and

(2) working collaboratively with other departments, states, Tribes, and local authorities to coordinate and harmonize Federal and non-Federal actions.

c. Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget. The Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management and Budget is a member of the Climate Task Force and will:

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(2) prioritize action on climate change in budget processes, and in contracting and procurement policies, including the purchase and use of clean and zero-emission vehicles.

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/s/ Secretary

Date:

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Immediately after taking office, President Biden issued Executive Order 14008, entitled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad," which among other things paused federal Federal oil and gas leasing, consistent with existing law, pending a comprehensive review of these programs. This (b) (5) critical action to spur reform of the Department's oil and gas leasing programs has been challenged in federal Federal courts. As you know, last June, the district court for the Western District of Louisiana enjoined Interior from implementing the pause under the Executive Order. The United States is appealing that decision. In the meantime, Interior is working to reform the Federal oil and gas leasing programs.

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Thank you for caring so deeply about our public lands and waters. Together, our work to ensure that these lands areas support wildlife and habitat and are available for the enjoyment of all Americans is more vital than ever.

Sincerely,

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Thanks, Rob

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Drew,

Attached please find the incoming and the draft response. The attached includes edits my office made as well as Melissa.

Best,  
Rich

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## Surnames for DCN: LM00003325

Subject: Comments on Interior's federal oil, gas, and coal leasing programs

Addressee: Whitehouse, Sheldon; Haaland, Deb

Date: 12/06/2021

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## Surnames for DCN: LM00003632

Subject: Modernization of U.S. Oil and Gas Leasing System

Addressee: Arizona Wildlife Federation,; Coalition to Protect America's National Parks

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Date: 09/29/2021

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