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Mr. Gregory E. Conrad
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Dear Mr. Conrad:

Thank you for your letter dated April 16, 2014, on behalf of the Interstate Mining Compact Commission (IMCC) concerning U.S implementation of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (USEITI). I appreciate you sharing your views as this process moves forward.

As you know, the approved USEITI candidacy application contains a waiver of the EITI requirement to include reconciliation of state extractive revenues in USEITI reporting. The rationale for seeking the waiver and proposing to instead develop an “opt-in” procedure recognizes not only the complex and varied nature of the state extractive landscape, but also the need to first obtain meaningful guidance from states on an approach that will be mutually beneficial. As a result, the approval of the USEITI candidacy application marks a starting point for more detailed discussion, not a destination with defined outcomes for state participation.

Moving forward, the USEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG), of which you are an active participant, will lead a collaborative effort to jointly develop a mutually beneficial “opt-in” procedure for USEITI reporting. As the Executive Director of the IMCC and a government sector MSG representative, you and the other state MSG representatives are in a unique position to provide leadership around this important issue. I welcome your continued contributions to the MSG’s design of a state “opt-in” process and other key aspects of USEITI implementation, especially as they relate to providing clarity to our partners in the states.

Thank you for your diligent efforts and commitment to date in assisting us with navigating these issues. Please let me know if there is any additional information that would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Rhea Sun
Assistant Secretary
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