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ATTN: Armand Southall
Office of Natural Resources Revenue Building
Denver Federal Center
West 6th Ave. and Kipling Street
Denver CO 80225

Re: Regulation Identifier Number 1012 – AA20; Repeal of Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform

To Whom it may concern:

Rosebud County is in the heart of Montana coal country and one of the largest recipients of revenue associated with the production of coal. That revenue is critical to the residents of rural Rosebud County, providing a variety of critical services.

The coal industry is also an important economic engine, creating good paying and safe jobs in an area that may not have the variety of options for employment that larger, more urban communities offer. Harm to the economic vitality of the coal industry would be felt throughout our community and gravely affect our ability to provide a wide array of critical services.

Today, we write in support for the repeal the rule (RIN 1012 – AA20). The royalty valuation process should be predictable and clearly understandable. Repealing the rule will return the coal valuation process back to the process that was consistent and reliable.

The Rosebud County Commissioners stand in support of RIN 1012 – AA20

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