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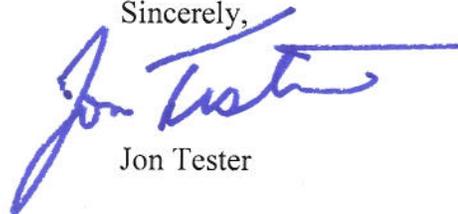
Dear Secretary Jewell:

I am writing regarding the comment period for the "Consolidated Federal Oil and Gas and Federal and Indian Coal Valuation Reform" proposed rule. I respectfully request that an additional 60 days be added to this comment period to ensure Montanans and relevant stakeholders have every opportunity to weigh-in on the Department's proposed rule.

I have heard from a number of Montanans and impacted stakeholders who have said they need additional time in order to provide informed and substantive comments to your Department regarding this proposed rule. I appreciate the complexity of the potential changes being proposed and believe the process would be well-served, both in the short- and long-term, by granting a 60-day extension.

I appreciate your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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