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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader Thune:

As Chair of the Senate Western Caucus, I write to thank you for your leadership on budget reconciliation and stress the importance of including Western priorities, particularly efforts to increase energy development. The West is the engine of American energy production, and Senate Republicans have a crucial opportunity to strengthen our position as a global energy leader while advancing policies that benefit our rural communities and public lands.

As you know well, the Senate Western Caucus is comprised of 29 Senators west of the Mississippi River who are committed to upholding the fundamental values of the west. This includes promoting and defending the western way of self-reliance, local decision-making, love of the land and the pioneer spirit.

As you and our Committee Chairs move forward with crafting this legislation, I offer the Western Caucus as a resource to you and your team. We stand ready to work alongside leadership to develop strong policy solutions that will benefit both our Western states and the nation as a whole.

Thank you for your leadership, and I look forward to working together to advance these important initiatives.

Sincerely,



Cynthia M. Lummis
United States Senator