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Committee on Federal Relations:

Apologies for the late e-mail, but we just wanted to bring to your attention a letter from the Department of the Interior we received this evening. Attached is a letter from the Acting Solicitor to the Acting Assisting Secretary for Indian Affairs, addressing the Acting Secretary's recent Secretarial Order regarding federal leasing. The letter specifies that the recent order does *not* apply to "Indian tribal and individual trust and restricted lands."

Additionally, I'm also attaching a letter from House Republican members, led by Rep. Jodey Arrington (R-TX), regarding the Administration's recent actions targeting the oil and gas industry. Rep. Arrington was joined by 36 other House Republicans, including Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) and Conference Chair Liz Cheney (R-WY).

We'll continue to provide updates tomorrow as we learn more. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions in the meantime.

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Thank you for joining our call earlier this afternoon to discuss the anticipated announcement Biden Administration on federal leasing. We'll be sure to keep you all up to date as we continue to gather intelligence, and will share text with you as soon as we receive it tomorrow. In the meantime, I would like to flag a few updates from today—

1. CFR Meeting Thursday – As a reminder, we'll still plan to convene for our regular meeting this Thursday morning at 9:30 am. I'll share our agenda tomorrow once it is finalized. Please [RSVP to me for dial-in information](#) if you have not done so already.

2. House GOP Letter on Federal Leasing – For your quick access, I am resharing the [letter released today by House Republican leadership](#) in response to last week's DOI Secretarial Order. **Redacted - First Amendment**

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3. **Biden Nomination Updates** – Below is some of the latest information we’re hearing on hearing schedule for President Biden’s Cabinet nominees (note several are subject to change based on Senate floor/committee schedules):
- **Department of Energy:** Former Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm is scheduled to appear before the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee for her nomination hearing tomorrow morning at 9:30 am.
 - **Environmental Protection Agency:** Michael Regan, North Carolina Secretary of Environmental Quality, is tentatively scheduled to appear before the Senate Environment & Public Works Committee next Wednesday, February 3rd.
 - **Department of the Interior:** We are hearing that New Mexico Representative Deb Haaland is likely to appear before the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee during this week of February 8th (*this is still a bit in flux and may change*).
4. **API Earned Media Report** – Our latest earned media update can be found below.

Have a nice evening,
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QUOTES & MENTIONS

Interview with Mike Sommers. [Bloomberg Radio](#).

Interview with Mike Sommers. [Bloomberg TV](#).

Interview with Mike Sommers. [CNN International](#).

One coal state senator holds the key to Biden’s ambitious climate agenda. And it’s not McConnell. [Washington Post](#). He’s a coal country native, born to a family of mining town mayors. As West Virginia governor, he sued the Environmental Protection Agency. He has scuttled efforts to regulate greenhouse gas emissions, criticized the Paris climate agreement and famously shot a copy of a cap-and-trade carbon proposal full of lead. ... At the same time, fossil fuel groups still see him as a potential ally. “I think Senator Manchin is somebody that our industry can work with,” said Frank Macchiarola, senior vice president for policy at the American Petroleum Institute. “Hailing from a state that’s rich in coal and natural gas resources, he’s someone who recognized those are an important part of the mix as well.” [*Also noted in the Washington Post’s daily “Energy 202” newsletter.*]

As Wall Street dollars flow into green energy, what's next for the oil industry? [NBC News](#). Biden's swift action on climate change ricocheted through the oil industry. The American Petroleum Institute, an industry lobby group, said it supports rejoining the Paris accord, but called Biden's order to revoke the Keystone pipeline "a slap in the face to the thousands of union workers." "Revoking the Keystone XL pipeline is a significant step backwards both for environmental progress and our economic recovery," the group said in a press release. "This misguided move will hamper America's economic recovery, undermine North American energy security and strain relations with one of America's greatest allies."

Biden’s order to freeze new oil drilling on federal land: What you need to know. [Wall Street Journal](#). President Biden has long signaled his intention to curb oil-and-gas drilling on federal land as part of a sweeping effort to reduce U.S.

emissions to combat climate change. ... The industry is likely to challenge Mr. Biden's actions in court. The trade group American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's main lobbyist group, has said it would evaluate its legal options if the Biden administration moves to suspend oil-and-gas leases on federal land and waters.

Biden to ban new permits for drilling on federal lands, waters for one year. [Fox Business](#). The Biden Administration is set to extend a ban on new leases for oil and gas drilling and fracking on federal lands and waters for one year as it attempts to combat climate change, a source told FOX Business. ... API projects 1 million job losses would occur by 2022 with the states of Texas, Wyoming and New Mexico seeing the biggest impact. The U.S. oil and gas industry supports 10.3 million jobs, with workers making an average salary of \$101,181, according to a 2015 study from PricewaterhouseCoopers and the American Petroleum Institute.

Biden's planned moratorium on oil and gas leasing picks winners and losers, critics argue. [S&P Global](#). The moratorium on new oil and gas leases on federal lands and waters that President Biden is expected to announce Jan. 27 would hurt US production and pick winners and losers between states, industry and state critics said Jan. 26. ... Apart from New Mexico, the American Petroleum Institute said the federal lands accounted for more than 40% of the shale gas production in Colorado, more than 60% in Utah and more than 90% in Wyoming.

New Mexico lawmakers, industry leaders react to Pres. Biden's moratorium on oil, gas lease. [KRQE-TV \(CBS\)](#). President Biden's 60-day halt of oil and gas leasing and permits is drawing mixed reactions from industry leaders and lawmakers in New Mexico, whose economy heavily relies on the industry. ... The impact of the 60-day pause is unclear, but if it were to become permanent, the American Petroleum Institute estimates New Mexico would lose about 62,000 jobs by 2022 and about a billion dollars would be at risk. Eddy County is one of the state's leaders in oil and gas production, the county manager said 60% of its land is federal land.

Biden to freeze drilling, boost scientific integrity. [E&E News](#). President Biden is planning to make a major climate push tomorrow, unveiling multiple science- and environment-focused executive orders, including an oil and gas freeze that became a flashpoint in the presidential campaign. ... The oil and gas industry has also reacted strongly to expectations of a leasing pause, saying the unintended consequence of a reduction in federal oil production will be an increase in imports from other countries where environmental standards are poor. "We stand ready to engage with the Biden administration on ways to address America's energy challenges but impeding American energy will only serve to hurt local communities and hamper America's economic recovery," Mike Sommers, CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, said in a statement this week.

Additional Coverage:

[Center Square](#): Oil and Gas Industries in Louisiana, Other States Issue Warnings Against Suspending Leasing on Federal Lands

[Courthouse News Service](#): Biden to Bar Oil & Gas Drilling on Federal Lands

[Daily Caller](#): Biden Reportedly Prepared to Issue Moratorium on Fossil Fuel Leases for Federal Lands

[Forbes](#): Biden to Freeze New Oil and Gas Leasing on Federal Land

[Hot Air](#): Oil and Gas Producers Pushing Back Hard on Biden Administration

[Huffington Post](#): Biden's Pause on New Oil and Gas Leasing 'Will not Significantly Impact' the Industry

[Issues & Insights](#): Meet Joe Biden, the Job Slayer

[Rigzone](#): Oil Groups Talk Federal Lease Freeze

THIRD-PARTY VOICES

Why relying on renewable energy is bad for the country. [Allentown Morning Call](#). Rejecting natural gas and prematurely giving grid responsibility to renewable resources like solar and winds has led to bad public outcomes. Here in Pennsylvania that would mean increased energy costs, fewer jobs, and decreased economic activity. President Biden should consider California's experience as a cautionary tale.