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The Honorable Tracy Stone-Manning  
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Dear Director Stone-Manning,

On January 19, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published a Notice of Availability for the newly introduced Programmatic Environmental Impact Assessment (PEIS) and corresponding Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) for the proposed Utility Scale Solar Energy Development Plan (Plan Amendment). This Plan Amendment will have serious implications regarding current uses of public lands, the ability of the state of Wyoming and its municipalities to work with the BLM's field offices, as well as access to affordable and reliable energy sources. I therefore request that BLM rescind the rule, or at the very least, exempt Wyoming from being included in the Plan Amendment.

The Plan Amendment enforces sweeping changes to Resource Management Plans (RMPs) in eleven states, on millions of acres, and throughout hundreds of counties across the western United States. I've received complaints from Wyoming counties that the "Plan Amendment glosses over the analysis that would otherwise be given in a planning document developed at a local level." The reality is that the BLM's proposal is entirely detached from the priorities of Wyoming communities.

Included in the plan is an irrelevant socioeconomic analysis (Chapter 4.15) that neglects to consider the most important industries affected by the proposal. The Plan Amendment generally reviews, without any explanation, the population, employment, income, state sales and income tax revenues, housing, and state and local government expenditures. It fails to address a significant variable of impact, however, which is the largest contributor of funding to local governments in the state of Wyoming: oil and gas revenues. If the BLM was honest in its "socioeconomic analysis", it would include some information on one of our most important industries in the state.

Since the preferred alternative will impact the use of over 18 million acres in the state of Wyoming, and over 162 million acres of land throughout the western United States, it is only appropriate that the BLM rescind the Plan Amendment, or at the very least exempt Wyoming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Harriet M. Hageman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Harriet M. Hageman  
Member of Congress