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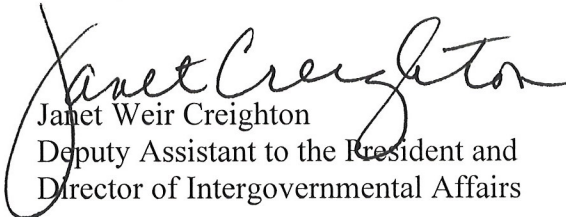
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Dear Mr. Kerr,

On behalf of President Bush, I would like to thank you for the resolution urging policy makers to study the social and economic costs of any pending or future decision involving the removal or imposition of moratoria on domestic hydrocarbon exploration and production beneath federal lands.

I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter on to Secretary Gutierrez at the Department of Commerce. Please do not hesitate to contact Bill Behrens or myself at (202) 456-2896 if we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,


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