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The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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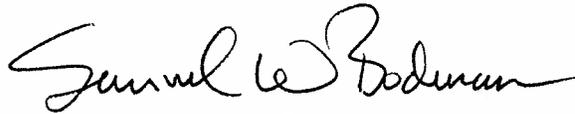
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