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The Honorable Bruce Westerman
Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515

The Honorable Jared Huffman
Ranking Member
House Committee on Natural Resources
1324 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman,

Thank you for focusing national attention on geothermal energy development, including through the House Natural Resources Committee's upcoming hearing on December 16, 2025. We believe that geothermal energy is essential to building a reliable, diversified, and affordable energy system, and we strongly support bipartisan efforts to accelerate deployment of this important clean energy resource.

Geothermal energy can play a critical role in U.S. energy independence, reliability, and security. Next-generation technologies offer the potential for multi-gigawatt growth, helping meet national energy goals. With efficient and responsible leasing and permitting and adequate resources for the Department of the Interior, the U.S. can realize its energy ambitions while protecting communities and the environment.

Conventional geothermal plants have long provided clean, reliable electricity in the western U.S., but their reach has been geographically limited. Next-generation technologies—leveraging innovations from the oil and gas sector to unlock new heat resources across the country—will expand the scale, range, and flexibility of geothermal development. This expansion can deliver 24/7 clean power to meet growing demand, create significant economic opportunities, and position the U.S. as a leader in an emerging sector.

Current permitting processes, while intended to ensure important environmental and community protections, often create lengthy delays that raise costs and uncertainty, blocking innovative projects from moving forward. Modernizing these processes in a responsible, science-based manner will reduce barriers, support investment, and help bring domestic, reliable next-generation geothermal energy online quickly.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing responsible pathways to ensure geothermal energy fulfills its potential in meeting America's energy, environmental, and economic goals.

Sincerely,

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American Council on Renewable Energy
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Devon Energy
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