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The Honorable Pete Stauber  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Stauber:

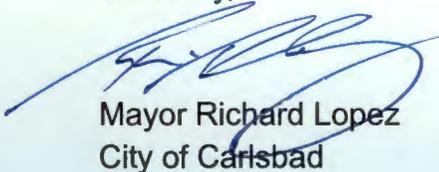
On behalf of the City of Carlsbad, New Mexico, I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 7882, which would provide for the leasing of certain mineral deposits located within the City of Carlsbad.

As you are aware, southeast New Mexico leads the nation in onshore oil and natural gas production. We strongly value the partnership between industry and elected officials in ensuring the responsible and safe extraction of our natural resources for the benefit of the American public.

After careful consideration of H.R. 7882, we believe it effectively addresses the issue of "orphaned" mineral rights on federal land. We appreciate the opportunity to support your efforts, as well as those of your fellow committee members, in advancing this legislation.

Please know that the City of Carlsbad stands ready to assist in any way possible. We wish you the best as you move forward with this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



Mayor Richard Lopez  
City of Carlsbad

CC: The Honorable Gabe Vasquez

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