

June 18, 2026

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  
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Dear Chairman Westerman and Ranking Member Huffman:

On behalf of Zanskar Geothermal & Minerals, Inc., I write to express our support for the Earth Mapping Resources Initiative (eMRI) and its GeoDAWN subprogram.

Zanskar is an American geothermal exploration and power company headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah. Over the past several years, we have undertaken the most extensive geothermal exploration campaign in American history, surveying millions of acres across the West for heat and other geothermal indicators. We combine that data with artificial intelligence and other cutting-edge technologies to discover geothermal resources hidden deep underground and develop them into clean, baseload power.

More than 90 percent of the nation's viable geothermal resources are beneath federal lands, yet we know little about America's subsurface potential. Even with our geothermal exploration campaign, less than 10 percent of the American West has been sampled for subsurface temperatures, and key gaps in publicly sourced data compound the challenges of discovery.<sup>1</sup>

eMRI and GeoDAWN help fill that gap by producing publicly available airborne radiometric, aeromagnetic, and electromagnetic data that are prohibitively expensive or impractical for the private sector to generate on its own. These data are essential to innovative and next-generation resource discovery efforts. They are a federal investment that the private sector cannot replicate but can leverage, reducing exploration risk, attracting private capital, and enabling the systematic and environmentally sound development of American geothermal resources.

We appreciate Congress's support for these programs, and encourage you to continue their valuable work. Please reach out if we can be a resource as you look to the future of these activities.

Respectfully,



Ben Brenner  
Head of Federal Affairs  
Zanskar Geothermal & Minerals, Inc.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://pangea.stanford.edu/ERE/pdf/IGAstandard/SGW/2025/Edwards.pdf>