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The Honorable Paul Gosar
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gosar:

We are very proud of the strong bipartisan support shown by Arizona's Congressional Delegation in co-sponsoring and working for prompt action to move the Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act forward this year. On behalf of thousands of Arizona hunters and anglers we thank you for your support and ask that you continue your efforts.

Arizona's public lands provide some of our best opportunities to hunt and fish. We recognize that these same public lands also hold great potential for wind and solar energy development and that Arizona is one of six western states with designated public land solar energy development zones. We support the development of renewable energy resources on public lands, as long as it is done in the right places and in a manner that conserves fish and wildlife habitat.

The Public Lands Renewable Energy Development Act insures that a substantial portion of the royalty revenues generated by public lands renewable energy development is applied to offsetting impacts on fish and wildlife habitat and hunting and fishing access. In addition it ensures that significant funds are provided to the State and County that these developments occur within. In doing so this measure moves wind and solar development forward in a way that sustains our sporting heritage. Balancing development with protecting opportunities to hunt and fish is critical.

Support for this legislation is broad. In addition to sportsmen, the bill is supported by the National Association of Counties, the Western Governors Association, fish & wildlife and other outdoor recreation organizations, business groups and others.

Again we thank you for supporting this important legislation, and we look forward to working with you to move the bill through the legislative process this year.

Sincerely,

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AZ Antelope Foundation
Shane Stewart, President

AZ Bass Federation Nation
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The Honorable Doug Lamborn, Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources

The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy & Mineral Resources