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Dear Colleague,

I want to congratulate you on your re-election, and I look forward to continuing serving alongside you in a unified Republican government. After four years as Chairman of the Western Caucus, I will not be running for re-election. It has been an honor to lead this organization, and I am incredibly proud of all we have accomplished together.

For the last four years, we have resoundingly opposed efforts by this administration to force an extreme climate and regulatory agenda on the rural communities who help feed, power, and drive our economy.

The 118th Congress, by all metrics, has been the most successful in the Caucus' history. We have grown our ranks to over 100 Members for the first time ever by advancing policies that defend rural and western America. We have advanced legislation to expand energy production on federal lands, proactively manage our forests, streamline our permitting processes, and much more.

We have traveled across the country – from Ft. Worth, TX, to Yosemite, CA, to the Southern Border, and many places in between – to put boots on the ground and elevate local issues to national attention. Each field tour gave us an opportunity to highlight the damage caused by the disastrous policies from the Biden administration while advocating for our own solutions to protect private property rights and ensure local control of our abundant natural resources.

The 119th Congress provides a critical opportunity to undue the harm of the last four years while advancing commonsense policies that ensure our constituents and communities can thrive. Through reconciliation and de-regulation, we can assert our global energy dominance while reducing the everyday cost of living for all Americans.

Per our bylaws, the Vice Chairs will be meeting next week to elect the new Chair. It is of the utmost importance that whoever is elected must continue to defend the multiple use of our federal lands while protecting the rights of private landowners and to ensure we remain the Voice for Rural America on Capitol Hill.

Sincerely,

Dan Newhouse
Chairman, Congressional Western Caucus