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House Committee
Federal Relations, Energy, & Transportation
Room 455
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RE: House Bill No. 43

Dear Committee Members:

With Oil and Gas companies controlling mineral leases that can be dated as early as the 1960's, individuals who have Oil and Gas Leases are at a disadvantage. The Oil and Gas companies have used their extensive legal background to their advantage. Consequently, individuals can no longer discern if they are receiving the correct monies due to them. House Bill No. 43 will enable individuals to start assessing how royalty payments are made and what the deductions are for.

House Bill No. 43, which provides protection for the basic rights of people with oil and gas leases, needs to be enacted.

Sincerely,

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