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Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt  
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Dear Chair Reinfeldt:

The United States has made significant progress meeting individual requirements of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) since the fall of 2011 when the U.S. announced that it would begin the multi-year process of becoming an EITI compliant country. The Department of the Interior established a multi-stakeholder group in December 2012 and achieved Candidate Country status in March 2014. Perhaps our most significant accomplishment is the creation of an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>) on which the agency has unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type, as well as production data across all commodities. This portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency. We are happy to report that use by state, local and tribal governments is increasing as well. While the U.S. government remains committed to fighting corruption in the extractive industries sector, and the ideals of transparency enshrined in the EITI Principles and the EITI Standard, it is clear that domestic implementation of EITI does not fully account for the U.S. legal framework. Effective immediately, therefore, the United States must withdraw as an EITI Implementing Country.

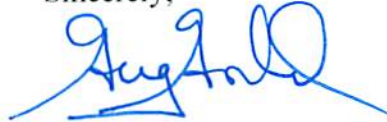
The Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR), which maintains the primary role in the U.S. Government for the collection and disbursement of revenue related to energy and non-energy mineral resources, remains fully committed to institutionalizing the EITI principles of transparency and accountability consistent with U.S. law. ONRR intends to mainstream government reporting of energy production and the associated revenue collection and disbursement. ONRR is also committed to continue its efforts to promote public awareness and engage stakeholders in a public conversation of the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development. We will continue to unilaterally disclose revenue payments received for extractive operations on federal land through our open data portal, and we will continue to improve our reporting through the inclusion of additional states and tribes.

Please know that the U.S. Department of State will continue to lead the United States' commitment to the EITI as a Supporting Country, a role that the United States has played since the beginning of the initiative. The U.S. political and financial support of the EITI over many

years has been second to none. In conjunction with the U.S. Agency for International Development, the State Department will continue to promote transparency, fight corruption and ensure good governance, as well as to support country-level EITI implementation. We continue to value the EITI as a critical tool to promote transparency, increase competitiveness, and combat corruption around the world.

Despite the fact that the U. S. laws prevent us from meeting specific provisions of the EITI Standard, we look forward to working together to promote transparency, fight corruption and ensure good governance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Gould", with a stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Gregory J. Gould  
Director