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The Honorable Representative Greg Walden
United States House of Representatives
2185 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: House speech regarding Harney County and BLM

Dear Representative Walden,

On behalf of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association, I wanted to express our appreciation for your leadership and courage on the federal land management issues you addressed in your January 5th address to the House of Representatives. Many Oregon Sheriffs share your concerns that the Bureau of Land Management and other federal agencies that manage public lands have been completely unresponsive to concerns raised by local residents and community leaders. You gave voice to the frustrations many people share in regard to these agencies and their land management practices. Your speech was powerful, genuine, and incredibly timely given the events unfolding at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Your long history of representing rural Oregonians, working to support the interests of farmers and ranchers who live and work in these areas, and spearheading legislation to put people back to work in our forests is inspiring and deserving of our gratitude. Few people understand the issues faced by rural Oregonians, and fewer still have the courage and conviction to make a stand and speak the truth as you so eloquently did in your floor speech. We very much appreciate all you do to make Oregon a place every Oregonian can be proud of. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Oregon State Sheriff's Association

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