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The Honorable Mike Green, Chair  
Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations:  
Natural Resources  
805 Farnum Building  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

The Honorable Jon Bumstead, Chair  
House Subcommittee on Appropriations:  
Natural Resources  
S-1289 House Office Building  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Dear Senator Green and Representative Bumstead:

Pursuant to Section 808, PA 84 of 2015, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to develop a lawful and reasonable plan designed to motivate lessees under state-granted oil and gas leases past their primary term to undertake warranted new operations to ensure that department-managed minerals are fully developed in an orderly manner to increase and optimize production.

Attached is the DNR's plan to encourage new exploration of mineral rights on leases past their primary term.

If you have any questions regarding the DNR's plan, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

- cc: Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations: Natural Resources Members  
House Subcommittee on Appropriations: Natural Resources Members  
Mr. Josh Sefton, Senate Fiscal Agency  
Mr. Austin Scott, House Fiscal Agency  
Mr. John Roberts, State Budget Director, Department of Technology,  
Management and Budget (DTMB)  
Mr. Jacques McNeely, DTMB  
Ms. Jennifer Harrison, DTMB  
Dr. William E. Moritz, Director, DNR  
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Mr. Erik Eklund, DNR  
Ms. Julie Manson, DNR  
Ms. Julie Chrysler, DNR