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Chairwoman and committee members,

Thank you for having this important hearing on the recent land grab initiative by the Joe Biden Executive Order.

While this EO covers a lot, I will only comment on the issue regarding the goal of federal control of 30% of American land and waters by 2030.

My research has found that the federal government already controls 640 million acres of land and more than 750 million acres of waters, but somehow, this is not enough. We've seen how poor management of millions of acres of timber has been destroyed by fires.

It is my understanding this EO will add an additional 681 million acres of land and water in the next 9 years. Since all of the United States has now been "discovered", it is obvious that additional 681 million acres is owned by others. This EO is nothing other than a form of eminent domain, impacting our farmers, ranchers and the timber industry. Grabbing this additional 681 million acres will reduce property taxes that support schools, local government agencies and county governments, causing economic devastation to many counties by eroding their tax base. This EO probably impacts the western part of our country more than other areas, and that includes Kansas, of course.

It is wonderful to know our 2 Senators Moran and Marshall, our AG and the Missouri AG have come out in opposition to this EO. Since 98% of land in Kansas is under private ownership, 46 million acres of farming acres, it is imperative your committee does all it can to block this EO.

I am opposed to this 30 x 30 Initiative rolled out by the Biden Administration and ask that you stop it.

Most sincerely,

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