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2 **55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2021**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
12 STATES TO WAIVE THE SUSPENSION OF NEW OIL AND GAS LEASING AND
13 DRILLING PERMITS FOR FEDERAL LANDS.
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15 WHEREAS, on January 20, 2021, the administration of
16 President Joe Biden temporarily suspended oil and gas
17 permitting on federal lands and waters for sixty days; and

18 WHEREAS, oil and gas extracted from public lands account
19 for about one-fourth of annual United States production; and

20 WHEREAS, limits on federal drilling will have the biggest
21 impact on major western oil- and gas-producing states like New
22 Mexico and Wyoming, which depend on revenue from their share of
23 extraction royalties; and

24 WHEREAS, the oil and gas industry in New Mexico provides
25 over forty percent of the revenues in the state's budget; and

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