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Dear Mr. Bangerter,

I hope this email finds you well Layne. I will be traveling to Washington D.C. with Governor Mead on Wednesday and Thursday. If someone from your WOTUS team has time on Thursday, I would love to drop by EPA to discuss the position of Wyoming with regards to Waters of the United States. WOTUS has been one of my primary focus areas for Governor Mead's team - primarily because it has been a significant driver of my workload for over a decade as both an NRCS professional and as the Governor's Policy Advisor for Water.

We were extremely active in the comment phase for the proposals from the previous administration. I have included those comments for you and your team to review. Our Final WOTUS comment letter is the most important, but the others help frame our level of concern, interest, and the fact that we requested many times for the withdrawal of the proposed rule.

I have also included the a Bill which Senate EPW was working. During that process Wyoming had the opportunity to visit on potential solutions and direction. I would strongly encourage your team to look at the guidance that the Senate was providing as a "road map" that could be used to craft a long term solution to this contentious issue.

Wyoming believes strongly that there is opportunity to develop long term clarity in the rule, and that the key to doing so lies in true cooperative federalism.

Thanks for your time Layne, and please let me know if we can be of further assistance on this issue.

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