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Tom Mullins U.S. House of Representative District 3 Candidate comments on H.R. 2996 Interior & Environment Appropriations Act FY 2010

Tom Mullins today commented on important legislation recently signed by the President.

Representative Ben Ray Luján and our New Mexico delegation are patting themselves on the back for spending more of your tax dollars. H.R. 2996 specifies budgets for agencies such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Smithsonian Institution, the Inspector's General Office, and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) among others. The estimated cost to taxpayers is over 32 Billion dollars, with a 17 percent increase in discretionary spending over FY 2009 spending.

It is difficult to rationalize greater Federal spending on regulation and government at a time when New Mexico needs to stimulate private sector jobs. On page 2 of the H.R. 2996, another direct attack on New Mexico's oil and natural gas industry is detailed. Mullins stated, "If Representative Luján was concerned about improving natural gas drilling in New Mexico, he would not have supported increasing the Application to Drill (APD) fee from \$ 4,000 to \$ 6,500 per well. It is just another vote against job creation by our sitting representative."

New Mexico is dependent upon sound environmental development of natural resources from public lands, which includes the drilling clean burning natural gas wells. Mullins stated, "We need a Congressman who will stand up and fight for New Mexico. I will fight for fifty percent parity on royalty disbursements." Current law allows the federal government to keep 52 percent of the royalty revenue, while New Mexico receives only 48 percent. New Mexico legislators are

trying to balance our state budget and a return to an equal share in the funding formula would help save jobs.

Freshman Representative Luján, a recent member of the natural gas caucus, has a lot learn about balancing a budget and supporting New Mexico jobs.

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