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FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING PAYMENTS

WHEREAS the federal government collects a leasing payment for minerals developed on federal lands, and these Federal Mineral Lease (FML) revenues have historically been split 50:50 between the federal government and the states from whence the revenues were generated, and

WHEREAS, per the Federal Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (as amended), Congress directed that the priority use of these funds should be to assist those communities impacted by the mineral leasing development activities, and

WHEREAS local governments are responsible for the infrastructure and services to support these public land energy development activities and related population growth (i.e. highways, roads, schools, water and sewer, police and fire protection, etc), and these communities struggle with inadequate funds to effectively meet this responsibility, and

WHEREAS, without notice or hearings, Congress reduced the historical state share of FML royalties to 48%;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

- CLUB 20 supports the historic distribution of Federal Mineral Lease (FML) payments which provides for a 50:50 split between the federal government and the states of origin, and
- CLUB 20 urges Congress to utilize the pending Supplemental Appropriations Bill to repeal their previous action (via the recent passage of the 2008 Interior Appropriation bill) which reduced the states' share of FML revenues from 50% to 48%, and if such a repeal cannot be accomplished, CLUB 20 urges Congress to recapture the states' lost revenue retroactively, and
- CLUB 20 supports the Congressional priority established that the states' share of these FML revenues should be used primarily for the source communities impacted by the development of these resources.

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