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We understand there are deadlines involved in this rulemaking but also believe that Congress would want you to get input from the public interest organizations and individuals impacted by this rulemaking.

Please extend the comment period until the end of October, to allow interested public interest organizations and individuals to provide comments.

Thank you.

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