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## **STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY**

### **H.R. 131 – Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act**

(Rep. Boebert, R-CO, and one cosponsor)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 131, the Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act. The bill would have the Federal Government extend the repayment period on the Arkansas Valley Conduit (AVC) water pipeline for an additional 25 years, creating a 75-year repayment period, and cut the interest rate in half.

The AVC was originally authorized as part of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project in 1962. Under the original plan, the costs of the project were to be initially funded by the Federal Government, but repaid by local users in full, with interest, over a 50-year period following completion of construction. In 2009, the AVC was reauthorized to reduce the share paid by the local users from 100 to 35 percent. More than \$249 million has already been spent on the AVC, and total costs are estimated to be \$1.3 billion.

H.R. 131 would continue the failed policies of the past by forcing Federal taxpayers to bear even more of the massive costs of a local water project that, as initially conceived, was supposed to be paid for by the localities using it. The Trump Administration is committed to preventing American taxpayers from funding expensive and unreliable policies. Ending the massive cost of taxpayer handouts and restoring fiscal sanity is vital to economic growth and the fiscal health of the Nation.

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