April 7, 2023

Speaker Kevin McCarthy    Majority Leader Steve Scalise
U.S. House of Representatives    U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, the Capitol     H-329, the Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515     Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Majority Leader Scalise:

We, the undersigned 30 oil and natural gas trade associations, are extremely grateful for your leadership and hard work in passing H.R. 1. The wisdom of designating the bill as H.R. 1, the priority for this Congress, and passing it so swiftly became manifest almost immediately. With OPECs’ announcement of oil production cuts just days later, the solution to the cartel’s manipulation of global supplies and prices had already been exemplified. The bill provides a vision for what energy policy should be if the country were truly serious about achieving energy security and reducing energy inflation.

The members of our Associations are doing their part to produce more vital American oil and natural gas to help relieve the price at the pump, home heating bills, electricity rates, and other energy and manufacturing costs. But policies from this administration have hampered our efforts. H.R. 1 would remove the most egregious regulatory barriers, inefficiencies, and cost drivers that prevent us from producing up to three million more barrels of oil and 25 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day.\(^1\)

The bill provides the policy vision for how we can return to the energy independence America enjoyed just a few short years ago. By removing government-imposed distortions to energy markets, the bill

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\(^1\) *The Cost of Biden’s War on Oil and Gas: Nearly $100 Billion a Year in Lost Output*, Committee to Unleash Prosperity, October 2022.
could unleash American production that would bring down prices not just for Americans but for our
allies across the globe. By developing sustainable oil and natural gas under the world’s most protective
environmental standards, we provide the model for global energy supply. We could help lift over a
billion people out of poverty who do not have access to the clean, reliable, and affordable energy that
Americans take for granted. But misguided energy policies that constrain our production only serve to
keep people in poverty in the developing world while harming the most disadvantaged among us in the
developed world.

Thank you for this important legislation that restores certainty to federal on- and offshore development,
removes obstacles to vital energy infrastructure, and enables the significant greenhouse gas reductions
that natural gas provides. We are most grateful for the comprehensive way in which Congress has
addressed energy policy. We stand ready to encourage the Senate to move forward with the legislation
and to see many of these provisions become part of other bills in the future.

Sincerely,

Alaska Support Industry Alliance
American Association of Professional Landmen
Colorado Alliance of Mineral and Royalty Owners
Colorado Oil & Gas Association
Colorado Petroleum Association
Domestic Energy Producers Alliance
EnerGeo Alliance
Energy Workforce & Technology Council
Illinois Oil & Gas Association
Indiana Oil and Gas Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Independent Petroleum Assn of New Mexico
Kansas Independent Oil & Gas Association
Kentucky Oil and Gas Association
Marcellus Shale Coalition
Montana Petroleum Association
National Stripper Well Association
New Mexico Oil and Gas Association
North Dakota Petroleum Council
Panhandle Producers & Royalty Owners Assn
Permian Basin Petroleum Association
Petroleum Association of Wyoming
Southeast Oil and Gas Association
Texas Alliance of Energy Producers
The Energy Council
The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma
U.S. Oil & Gas Association
Utah Petroleum Association
Western Energy Alliance
Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association

cc: Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Chairman Bruce Westerman, House Committee on Natural Resources
Chairman Sam Graves, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Chairman Dan Newhouse, Congressional Western Caucus