



April 7, 2023

Speaker Kevin McCarthy  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 H-232, the Capitol  
 Washington, D.C. 20515

Majority Leader Steve Scalise  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 H-329, the Capitol  
 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.<sup>1</sup>

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

<sup>1</sup> [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