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Dear Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Pallone:

The American Petroleum Institute (API) supports H.R. 806, *Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2017* and we urge the Energy and Commerce Committee to approve the bill during tomorrow's markup. API represents more than 625 oil and natural gas companies, and many of our members are negatively affected by overlapping ozone timelines and standards. H.R. 806 would provide necessary relief.

H.R. 806 provides states and local communities with a reasonable glide path to continue their significant progress toward cleaner air without additional burdens that could harm job creation and economic growth. With two sets of competing ozone standards, set at different levels and working on different timelines, a glide path is needed to provide regulatory certainty. In 2008 EPA finalized ozone standards of 75 parts per billion (ppb). It took until 2015 for EPA to provide states with guidance on how to meet those standards. Instead of allowing time to implement the guidance from the 2008 standards, EPA finalized in 2015 a lower set of standards at 70 ppb, with a completely different implementation timeline.

H.R. 806 addresses these concerns through a phased schedule that provides time to implement the controls. The schedule allows states and businesses to work on one set of standards at a time, creating a more efficient and less burdensome process while achieving cleaner air.

Finally, we support the efforts in H.R. 806 to address permitting and review requirements. The bill ties air permitting requirements to the phased schedule, which will help minimize administrative burdens on local businesses. In addition, the legislation extends the required review cycle from five years to ten years. We support the longer review cycle to ensure EPA has enough time to conduct a thorough review of the standards, and to give state and local governments and other stakeholders an opportunity for meaningful engagement.

API encourages the Energy and Commerce Committee to pass H.R. 806, and for the legislation to be brought to the House floor.

Sincerely,



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