

February 6, 2023

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Chair
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
2322 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair McMorris Rodgers:

The American Petroleum Institute (API) writes regarding the legislation to be considered during the upcoming *Joint Energy, Climate, & Grid Security Subcommittee and Environment, Manufacturing, & Critical Materials Subcommittee Legislative Hearing: "Unleashing American Energy, Lowering Energy Costs, and Strengthening Supply Chains"* on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

API is committed to meeting the challenge of providing affordable and reliable energy while continuing to reduce emissions. As the leading trade association representing the entire value chain of the U.S. oil and natural gas industry, API supports policies that strengthen our nation's energy security and our economy and that protect our environment. The hearing on February 7th will consider legislative proposals that speak to these objectives, and we commend the Committee for holding this important hearing.

The Committee's renewed focus on restoring American energy leadership is critical to ensuring that American oil and natural gas reserves are prioritized as a long-term strategic asset that will serve as a foundation for economic growth and energy security. Members of the Energy and Commerce Committee have already vocalized how America's energy security directly correlates to our national security at the outset of the 118th Congress, and we support the efforts of the Committee, under your leadership, to address these energy challenges.

API remains focused on working in a bipartisan manner to find common-sense, economically-sound solutions to not only maintain our energy independence, but also to assist our allies around the world as they grapple with energy uncertainty resulting from Russia's war in Ukraine. Demand for oil and natural gas is increasing, and we can – and must – do more to avoid policies that stymie increased energy production such as development restrictions on federal lands and waters, onerous and duplicative regulations, insufficient infrastructure due to permitting delays and denials, inconsistent standards for environmental reviews, and significant supply chain bottlenecks.

The oil and natural gas industry urges Congress to pass legislation that will enable continued innovation, investment in long-term projects and cleaner energy technologies, and improved infrastructure development. Much of the legislation being offered in this joint legislative hearing is a strong step in this direction. Accordingly, API commends the Committee for considering proposals including:

- H.R. 150, the "Protecting American Energy Production Act."
- H.R. 484, the "Natural Gas Tax Repeal Act."
- H.Con.Res. ___, Expressing disapproval of the revocation by President Biden of the Presidential permit for the Keystone XL pipeline.

- H.R. 647, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023.”
- H.R. __, To require the Secretary of Energy to direct the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to petrochemical refineries in the United States, and for other purposes.
- H.Con.Res. __, Expressing the sense of Congress that the Federal Government should not impose any restrictions on the export of crude oil or other petroleum products.
- H.R. __, To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to waive application of certain requirements, sanctions, or fees, with respect to processing or refining of critical energy resources at a critical energy resource facility, and for other purposes.
- H.R. __, To amend the Toxic Substances Control Act with respect to critical energy resources, and for other purposes.
- H.R. __, To amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to treat the owner or operator of a critical energy resource facility as having been issued an interim permit for the treatment, storage, or disposal of hazardous waste, and for other purposes.
- H.R. __, To require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to authorize the use of flexible air permitting with respect to certain critical energy resource facilities, and for other purposes.

Further, other proposals being considered by the Committee that may, with additional modifications, also support our energy and national security objectives include:

- H.R. __, the “Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act.”
- H.R. __, the “Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act.”
- H.R. __, To amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the phase out of gasoline and prevent higher prices for consumers and for other purposes.

As Congress continues its work on these and other important energy legislation, API and our members stand ready to support policies that strengthen America’s energy security and promote economic development and environmental stewardship. We look forward to continuing to work with Members of the Committee and their colleagues in the House and Senate to support legislation that will indeed, “pave the way to unleashing American energy sources and technologies of all kinds.”

Sincerely,



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CC: The Honorable Frank Pallone, Ranking Member, House Energy and Commerce Committee
The Honorable Bill Johnson, Chair, House Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Minerals
The Honorable Jeff Duncan, Chair, House Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security