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Shale Energy Supply Chain Industries and Workers Support Crude Oil Exports

Honorable Fred Upton, Chair
Committee on Energy and Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member
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Honorable Edward Whitfield, Chair
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
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Honorable Bobby Rush, Ranking Member
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Dear Chairmen Upton and Whitfield, and Ranking Members Pallone and Rush:

The undersigned organizations represent the industries and workers that build and supply shale energy infrastructure, including construction, equipment, components and materials, technology, professional services and logistics – in other words the Shale Energy Supply Chain. Members of our organizations create the facilities that produce, transport and process the remarkable and growing abundance of crude oil, natural gas and liquids from shale that has transformed America into an energy superpower in a few short years. In the process the supply chain has created over 600,000 jobs and contributed over \$170 billion annually to the American economy, dedicated to supplying shale energy operations.

This transformation has played out on America's Main Street as well as in energy producing areas. Our members operate in all fifty states – where tens of thousands of predominantly smaller local and regional businesses and their workers join with large corporations to contribute to opportunity and prosperity in their communities as they supply the unconventional energy revolution. The supply chain in fact provides three jobs for each one created at the producer level. Today these contributions are in jeopardy. Jobs are being lost and investments are being reduced or redirected overseas because American producers are prevented from exporting American crude oil.

We want to convey our strong support for H.R. 702, to adapt to changing crude oil market conditions, and applaud the bi-partisan effort to end the obsolete restriction on crude oil exports. Opening global markets to U.S. producers will support added domestic production that will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs and contribute tens of billions of GDP dollars in the supply chain within the next few years. At the same time, we will put downward pressure on domestic fuel prices, while we provide our allies and trading partners with an alternative to sourcing energy from unfriendly and unstable sources.

We look forward to engaging our members in support of your efforts to end the export ban, and encourage you to consider the great potential of the voices of the shale energy supply chain in building strong bipartisan support for ending this counterproductive and obsolete policy.

Sincerely,



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