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Andy Black is President and CEO of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL), a trade association in Washington, D.C., representing transmission pipeline operators who deliver crude oil, refined products like gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel, and natural gas liquids such as propane and ethane. AOPL promotes the safe, reliable, and efficient transportation of energy liquids by pipelines, educates the public about the vital role oil pipelines serve in the daily lives of Americans, and advocates for the interests of its members.

He leads outreach to Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other government agencies, trade associations, and key stakeholder groups. Andy has testified before Congressional committees and State Legislatures on behalf of AOPL and its members, and discusses pipeline issues with members of the media. He participates in industry discussions about performance improvement, manages the talented AOPL staff, and reports to the AOPL Board of Directors. Black started his role in 2009.

Andy previously served as Director of Federal Government Relations for the El Paso Corporation, a natural gas pipeline, producer, and LNG terminal operator. Prior to that, he was Director of the Office of External Affairs for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He spent a combined thirteen years on Capitol Hill as a staff member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and for Congressman Joe Barton. He also spent time directing The Advocacy Group (TAG), a network of government relations firms in state and national capitols, while working for MAPA Group in Washington.

Andy has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and completed the Institute of Organization Management (IOM) program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Mr. Black has a B.S. in Economics from Texas Christian University and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland.