



Erik Milito
Group Director, Upstream & Industry Operations
API
1220 L Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005-4070
Telephone 202-682-8273
Fax 202-682-8426
Email militoe@api.org
www.api.org

June 25, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, I write to express our support for H.R. 4899, the Lowering Gasoline Prices to Fuel an America That Works Act, and the increased oil and natural gas exploration and production on federal lands it will bring. Efforts to increase leasing of federal lands and speed up the permitting process has the potential to grow the economy, create new, well-paying jobs, generate millions of dollars of new federal and state revenue, and make our nation more energy secure.

The American public supports increased access to American energy, both onshore and off of our coasts. The U.S. is becoming an energy superpower but unfortunately, that increased energy production is largely seen on private and state lands and not reflected on our vast public lands. An April 2014 report by the Congressional Research Service (CRS) states that from 2009 to 2013, U.S. oil production increased 61 percent and natural gas production increased 33 percent on non-federal lands. During that same period, federal land oil production declined 6 percent and natural gas production declined 28 percent. The resource potential under federal lands remains a vitally important part of our nation's energy endowment. By opening up new federal lands and streamlining the permitting process, we have the ability to harness new energy production which will lead to more jobs, more government revenue, and increased energy security in these challenging times our nation is facing.

Smart energy policies today, which include responsible exploration and production of our federal lands both onshore and offshore, will keep the U.S. on the path as the world's energy leader for decades to come. We urge all members of the House of Representatives to support H.R. 4899, which will unlock our energy resources while creating jobs, generating government revenue and enhancing energy security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Milito", written in a cursive style.

Erik Milito