



To: Members of U.S. House of Representatives from Texas
From: Alex Mills, President, Texas Alliance of Energy Producers
RE: Vote on H.R. 2728

This week the U.S. House of Representatives is scheduled to vote on H.R. 2728, the *Protecting States' Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act*, which would protect the rights of state regulatory agencies to regulate the oil and natural gas industry within their state and on federal lands.

The bipartisan bill prohibits the Interior Department from enforcing federal hydraulic fracturing regulation in any state that already has regulations, and it recognizes states' authority to regulate this type of activity.

The bill does not prevent the federal government from implementing baseline standards in states where none exist.

Additionally, a clarifying amendment offered by the author would require each State to submit to the BLM its regulations regarding hydraulic fracturing and the disclosure of chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing.

The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers urges all members from Texas to vote for H.R. 2728.

The Texas Alliance of Energy Producers represents more than 3,300 members and is the largest state oil and gas association in the nation. Please contact Bill Stevens at 512-656-2209 or Gloria Leal at 512-426-1568 or Alex Mills at 940-723-4131.