



# Statement

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## **ACC URGES HOUSE PASSAGE OF NATURAL GAS LEGISLATION** *State-Based Regulation, Pipeline Permitting Reform Will Help Sustain U.S. Manufacturing Renaissance*

**WASHINGTON (November 19, 2013)** – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement in support of the “Protecting States Rights to Promote American Energy Security Act” (H.R. 2728) and the “Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act” (H.R. 1900), scheduled for House floor consideration this week.*

“We applaud Congressmen Flores and Pompeo for championing legislation that ensures natural gas continues to be a driving force behind American manufacturing expansion and job creation.

“H.R. 2728 will help maintain a healthy supply of competitively-priced natural gas while preserving quality, state-based regulatory oversight. Natural gas production on federal lands has been declining in recent years. Proposed Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations will exacerbate the problem by causing permitting delays and increased production costs. H.R. 2728 will level the field for production on federal, state and private lands and should result in increased production.

“H.R. 1900 will streamline the pipeline permitting process, which will make it easier for the nation to get energy from where it is produced to manufacturers who need it. More than \$90 billion in potential U.S. chemical industry investment already has been announced, and this legislation will help link these and forthcoming projects to production sites around the country.

“These bills represent concrete steps that will accelerate the national economic benefits of shale gas, and we urge swift passage by the House.”

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*working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.*



**WASHINGTON (July 10, 2013)** – *The American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement today in response to passage of the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act (H.R. 1900) by the House Energy and Power Subcommittee:*

“We commend Chairman Whitfield and Congressman Pompeo for helping to get American energy from where it is produced to manufacturers who will use it to create jobs. Dozens of chemical companies want to invest in the United States, and many of their projects will require infrastructure linking natural gas production to facilities elsewhere. This legislation will streamline the pipeline permitting process and accelerate the [national economic benefits of shale gas](#). We applaud Subcommittee members for approving the bill and urge swift passage by the full House.”

