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The Honorable Rob Bishop  
Committee on Natural Resources  
United States House of Representatives  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bishop:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, I write to express our support for the House Natural Resources Committee's efforts to look for ways to enhance federal oil and natural gas production on federal lands and streamline the process and improve permitting efficiency. The four bills recently introduced and considered by the Committee this week promote improvements to federal land management, which are critical to take full advantage of our federal resources, and the Committee should continue to consider legislative ideas that can bring the American energy renaissance to our federal lands.

The United States has become a global leader in energy production which has provided affordable, reliable energy to American consumers and businesses but has also strengthened our geopolitical position around the world and bolstered our national security. The success the industry has had on private and state lands can also be replicated on federal lands. The bills that the Committee will consider this week (H.R. 6106, the Common Sense Permitting Act, H.R. 6107, the Ending Duplicative Permitting Act, H.R. 6087, the Removing Barriers to Energy Independence Act, and H.R. 6088, the Streamlining Permitting Efficiency in Energy Development Act) highlight the important steps that must be taken to improve the federal permitting process and provide additional tools to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) so the Agency is better equipped to uphold its statutory multiple use mission for managing public lands. API supports legislation that removes unnecessary obstacles to safe and responsible energy development and by doing so, promotes U.S. job growth, increases domestic oil and natural gas production, generates revenues for federal, state and tribal governments, and strengthens our national security. These bills do just that.



Production of oil and natural gas on federal lands is essential to continue our role as an energy superpower. Efforts to increase production on federally managed land will help to generate significant revenues from the industry to states for funding of much needed, overdue projects such as roads, schools and bridges. We support the Committee's continued efforts to address our energy future and look forward to working with the Committee on these bills as they advance in the Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "S. J. ...".