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The Honorable John A. Boehner
Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, I write to express our support for the energy legislative package scheduled for consideration in the House this week. Policies to increase access to America's vast energy resources, move forward with the Keystone XL pipeline and other crucial energy infrastructure, and expedite the permitting process for exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) promise to create jobs while making crucial advances in our nation's energy security.

America's oil and natural gas industry is a pillar of the U.S. economy, supporting 9.8 American million jobs and adding jobs at a rate 40 times faster than the overall economy. Yet government obstacles stand in the way of achieving the full potential of the American energy revolution. A full 87 percent of federal offshore acreage is off limits to energy development. While production is thriving on private lands, production under federal management dropped 6 percent for oil and 28 percent for natural gas between 2009 and 2013, according to the Congressional Research Service. Opening up new federal lands and streamlining the permitting process are critical to our ability to harness new energy production, which will lead to more jobs, more government revenue, and increased energy security. For example, opening areas in the Atlantic, Pacific, coastal Alaska and eastern Gulf of Mexico to responsible energy exploration could create over 500,000 jobs and boost domestic energy production by 3.9 million barrels of oil equivalent per day, according to studies by Wood Mackenzie and Quest Offshore Resources.

Likewise, exporting a portion of our abundant natural gas resources would generate significant economic benefits, in addition to exerting positive geopolitical influence. Eastern European allies dependent on Russia for 70 to 100 percent of their natural gas supplies entreat the United States to expedite exports. More than 20 LNG export applications still languish in a process that has granted final approval to just three facilities in three years. We stand to bolster global stability, as well as gain up to an average 452,000 jobs and \$73.6 billion in GDP growth between 2016 and 2035 from LNG exports.

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This week marks six years since the initial permit application was filed for the Keystone XL pipeline. After six years of study and five positive environmental assessments from the State Department, there is no justification for delaying this vital project, which would create over 42,000 jobs during construction and provide 830,000 barrels per day in stable oil supply from Canada and the U.S. Bakken region.

By large margins, the American people support pro-growth energy policies like building the Keystone XL pipeline and producing more oil and natural gas here at home. They recognize that smart energy policy is good for our economy, our energy security and our national security. We encourage all members of the House of Representatives to support the commonsense energy initiatives on the floor this week to secure the full economic and geopolitical benefits of the American energy revolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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