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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Energy Trades Coalition Supports House Natural Resources Provisions in Budget Reconciliation

Dear Mr. Speaker,

We write to you today as a coalition of oil and natural gas trade associations representing over 80% of domestic production in the United States to express our strong support for the budget reconciliation provisions currently under consideration by the House Natural Resources Committee. We stand ready to offer our full assistance in fulfilling President Donald J. Trump's goals to unleash American energy and strengthen the economic future of the United States.

We strongly agree with the President that the success of the American economy and the prosperity of its citizens depend on the ability of our members to prudently access and develop the abundant energy resources with which our nation has been so generously blessed.

The budget reconciliation provisions under consideration are critical to advancing this shared goal. Our coalition advocated tirelessly during the Biden Administration for a return to regularly held federal lease sales, common-sense permitting reform, and unleashing American resources. These provisions, included in the House Natural Resources bill text will increase domestic energy production allowing for affordable and reliable energy to all Americans.

Specifically, reinstating quarterly onshore lease sales in key producing states, as required by the Mineral Leasing Act, and establishing firm deadlines for offering eligible land is a welcome and long-overdue step after years of inaction and delay under the Biden administration.

To build on this momentum, our coalition supports measures that strengthen permitting certainty by establishing clear timelines for approvals and providing long-term clarity for drilling operations. We also support restoring consistency to the offshore program through regularly scheduled lease sales in the Gulf of America and Cook Inlet, ensuring continued production, investment, and job creation. Additionally, we advocate for commonsense updates that allow for more efficient offshore operations and expanded revenue-sharing with states.

We further support a streamlined federal permitting process and reforms to environmental reviews that reduce timelines, protect project sponsors from frivolous litigation, and uphold rigorous standards. These steps are vital to increasing domestic production and ensuring the safe transportation of oil and natural gas.

We also support the provision reversing an incredibly burdensome and restrictive regulatory rule governing the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska. If the rule is not reversed, it will be impossible to comply with the Presidential and Secretarial Executive Orders from this Administration directly related to unleashing Alaska's resources.

The provisions included by the House Natural Resources Committee are critical to increasing domestic energy production by providing certainty to producers on their ability to operate on federal lands and waters. Through these welcomed changes, our industry is set up to fulfill the President's vision of unleashing American energy and we thank Chairman Westerman for his leadership.

Sincerely,

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