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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Gene Green  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Representative Green,

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, I write today to express support for HR 3301, "North American Infrastructure Act". API welcomes your legislation which promotes North American energy security by removing permitting roadblocks and implementing a fair, standardized approval process for energy projects that cross U.S. borders.

At a time of economic distress, the U.S. oil and natural gas industry has the potential to grow the economy, create well-paying jobs, and generate millions of dollars in new federal revenue. An efficient permitting process is vitally important to sustaining our industry, which supports more than 9.8 million jobs and delivers more than \$85 million per day to the federal government through taxes, bonus bids, royalties, and other production fees.

Encouraging investment in U.S. energy infrastructure and bringing certainty to our cross-border infrastructure permitting process would help promote North American energy security goals and increase access to stable resources. While the U.S. is expanding the use of its own domestic resources, imports and trade will continue to play a key role in meeting consumer demand. Increasing supplies from friendly, trusted and nearby neighbors will help reduce U.S. reliance on resources from unstable areas of the world.

API would like to thank the sponsors of the "North American Infrastructure Act" and express our support of the Committee's continued efforts to move legislation that facilitates North American infrastructure expansion.

Sincerely,

Kyle B. Isakower

Cc: House Committee on Energy and Commerce Members