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The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi,

The American Petroleum Institute (API), with over 625 members representing all facets of the oil and natural gas industry, supports H.R. 2910, the Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act.

H.R. 2910 recognizes the importance of building infrastructure efficiently by streamlining the permitting process for consideration and approval of natural gas pipelines. Specifically, the bill strengthens FERC's authority to lead the NEPA review for projects, codifies and reinforces existing regulatory deadlines, and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of permitting agencies involved in the review process. H.R. 2910 supports the twin goals of ensuring projects undergo a robust agency review while completing that review in a timely and organized manner.

Ensuring we have a robust energy infrastructure system that keeps pace with growing production and demand is essential to helping American families and businesses have reliable access to affordable energy. A recent study found that the U.S. will need up to \$1.3 trillion in energy infrastructure investment through 2035.¹ This investment, on average, will support up to 1 million jobs annually and add up to \$100 billion to GDP annually. Whether it is powering our nation's electricity grid, delivering natural gas to heat homes and run appliances, supplying raw materials and energy to industry and manufacturing, or delivering the transportation fuels we use every day, this investment will ensure that these critical products are there when and where they are needed most.

¹ <http://www.api.org/~media/Files/Policy/Infrastructure/API-Infrastructure-Study-2017.pdf>

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API urges the U.S. House of Representatives to approve H.R. 2910.

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.

Jack N. Gerard
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Cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives