America’s natural gas and oil industry will need to be a key driver of the nation’s post-pandemic economic recovery. The industry is critical to every sector of the U.S. economy and supports millions of jobs across all 50 states, according to a study by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) that compiles the latest available government data. The industry supported 11.3 million jobs and contributed nearly $1.7 trillion to the U.S. economy in 2019.

American natural gas and oil has a presence nationwide, supporting millions of jobs even in states with little to no production. The industry touches virtually every facet of our lives, from heating our homes and fueling transportation to supporting the manufacture of products we use every single day. Research shows that for every direct job in the natural gas and oil industry, an additional 3.5 jobs are supported elsewhere in the economy. Across the country, the 11.3 million jobs supported by the natural gas and oil industry represent 5.6% of the nation’s total employment.

In addition to supporting good-paying jobs, the natural gas and oil industry directly and indirectly contributed an estimated $1.7 trillion to the U.S. economy in 2019, which represents 7.9% of U.S. GDP. Through wages, taxes, capital investments and support to other industries, this economic impact extends beyond traditional natural gas and oil producing states. Every state in the nation has a stake in continued access to U.S. natural gas and oil reserves, which are critical for the nation’s economic recovery.