America’s oil and natural gas industry currently supports 9.8 million jobs throughout the economy. Some in Congress are proposing and considering targeted tax increases for only U.S. oil and gas companies. The impact of such could compromise these high-paying union and non-union jobs, threaten our energy security and decrease American companies competitiveness with foreign based operations.

The people of MAINE are part of the oil and natural gas industry.

494,810 Total employment for all industries and sectors in ME
$39,966 Average annual salary in ME across all industries and sectors
28,800 Direct, indirect, induced jobs provided by oil & gas industry in ME
$45,453 Average annual non-gas station oil & gas industry salary in ME
$2.4 Billion Contribution to ME economy or 4.2 percent of ME GDP
32nd Maine’s oil production rank in the U.S.
33rd Maine’s natural gas production rank in the U.S.


A Harris Poll conducted on election night – November 2014 – of 827 voters across the country who had voted earlier that day found that 65% believe that increasing taxes on oil and natural gas companies hurts everyone because those tax increases could drive up energy costs for consumers. In addition, 57% of actual voters oppose changes in the Federal tax laws that could decrease investment in energy production and reduce energy development here in the U.S. ²

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