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.


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

563,082 Total employment for all industries and sectors in WV
$40,498 Average annual salary in WV across all industries and sectors
80,400 Direct, indirect, induced jobs provided by oil & gas industry in WV
$53,239 Average annual oil & gas industry salary in WV
$78,770 Average annual non-gas station oil & gas industry salary in WV
$78,285 Average annual upstream (extraction and production) salary
$5.8 Billion Contribution to WV economy or 8.7 percent of WV GDP
17th West Virginia’s oil production rank in the U.S.
9th West Virginia’s natural gas production rank in the U.S.

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