Energy Supply Chain Industries and Workers Support Crude Oil Exports

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Honorable John A. Boehner
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Dear Speaker Boehner and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned organizations represent the industries and workers that build and supply energy infrastructure, including construction, equipment, components and materials, technology, professional services and logistics – in other words the Energy Supply Chain. Members of our organizations build the facilities and supply the equipment, products and services that are essential to produce, transport and process the remarkable and growing abundance of crude oil, natural gas and liquids that has transformed America into an energy superpower in a few short years.

We urge your support of H.R. 702, a bipartisan bill to lift the ban on U.S. crude oil exports, when it comes before the U. S. House of Representatives in the near future.

Over 120,000 supply chain companies, many of them small, contribute over $170 billion annually to the American economy, dedicated to supplying energy operations. These non-oil and gas producing companies exist in all fifty states and range from construction equipment companies, to cement and sand producers, to pipeline operators, to equipment manufacturers, to trucking companies, to construction contractors, and to countless other lines of business necessary to support oil and gas development.

This energy-driven American jobs and growth bonanza is at grave risk today. In the past year hundreds of thousands of supply chain workers have lost their jobs, in communities largely outside of oil producing areas. This is in large part because export markets are closed to U.S. producers. Enabling free trade in U.S. crude oil will turn this situation around, putting these skilled Americans back to work.

Studies show that the additional production of crude oil for export will create over 400,000 new supply chain jobs throughout the country by 2018. Many of these jobs will be in the skilled trades, such as factory workers, equipment operators and maintenance technicians, construction workers, truck drivers, and welders. IHS Economics reports that for every one job created in crude oil production, there are three more created in supply chain companies. Adding to the economic power of these jobs, when their workers earn and spend their incomes, the induced effect of their spending creates six more jobs in the general economy.

We urge you to consider the compelling needs of energy supply chain workers and companies in communities across America, and vote to approve H.R. 702.

Sincerely,

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