



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY®

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Dear Representative Pompeo,

On behalf of more than two million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write to offer our strong support for your legislation. This bill would help expedite the permitting process for natural gas pipelines. In its current form, the Natural Gas Pipeline Permitting Reform Act (H.R. 161) would speed up the process of approving or denying permits, reducing the amount of bureaucratic red tape that projects are subject to.

With an energy renaissance underway in the United States, this legislation promotes an agenda that will secure Americans' access to affordable and reliable energy. This proposal requires the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to approve or deny a permit within one year of an application's filing. All relevant agencies would then have to render a decision on an application within 90 days after an environmental review is complete. Permits would be approved if relevant agencies fail to approve or deny within the timeframe.

This legislation comes at a pivotal time as natural gas continues to expand as a significant source of energy in the United States. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, natural gas will pass coal as the nation's largest source for generating electricity by 2035. Natural gas also remains one of the cheapest forms of energy in the marketplace. Therefore it's imperative that the United States have a responsible and efficient permitting process that allows us to maintain our energy sector growth.

Americans for Prosperity is proud to support your legislation. We urge your colleagues to support its passage, and we look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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