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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Whitfield:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute (API), I write today in support of H.R. 1582, the Energy Consumers Relief Act, which would require the Environmental Protection Agency to submit a report to Congress detailing certain cost, energy price, and job impacts, and the Secretary of Energy for any energy-related rule costing more than \$1 billion before it is finalized.

EPA continues to propose an onslaught of reckless and unnecessary regulations like Tier 3 rules for gasoline, first-ever regulations on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and factories, and air quality standards tightened to or below background levels that could put upward pressure on energy costs and severely impact our economy. President Obama has promised transparency from his administration and the American people deserve to receive a complete and accurate accounting of the impact of EPA actions on the economic recovery and their pocketbooks. H.R. 1582, the Energy Consumers Relief Act, would detail the impact of major rules and ensure that their impact would not likely adversely impact energy costs and security significantly.

API applauds Congressman Bill Cassidy, M.D. and your leadership on this important issue and we look forward to working with you to secure its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Gerard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jack Gerard

cc: Members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee