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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman, House Energy and Commerce Committee  
2183 Rayburn House Office Building  
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The Honorable Gene Green  
Member of Congress  
2470 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairman Upton and Congressman Green:

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) writes in support of H.R. 3301, the “North American Energy Infrastructure Act.” The United States and our North American allies have the opportunity to become energy secure in the next decade, provided overly burdensome governmental red-tape does not get in the way. The North American Energy Infrastructure Act provides much needed modernization and certainty to pipeline approvals, and will ensure businesses continue to grow and invest while enhancing our national security.

As you know, the United States is in the midst of an energy revolution that has already put us on track to become the world’s leading oil and natural gas producer. With this newfound abundance comes economic growth and hundreds of thousands of new jobs in oil and gas production, refining, and other manufacturing sectors. The nation’s refineries and petrochemical facilities are among the most advanced in the world and now have an opportunity to continue supplying not only our U.S. needs, but also to reduce the U.S. trade deficit. Coupled with new supplies from our neighbors in Canada and Mexico, North American energy security is within our grasp. This evolving and important geo-political strategic advantage will help reshape our economy and foreign relations for decades to come. As our energy supplies grow, however, so does the need for safe and reliable infrastructure.

Unfortunately, cross-border pipeline approval is currently subject to an outdated patchwork of executive orders and statutes. This process is political, uncertain, and lengthy—which chills investment and ultimately increases the strain on other forms of transportation, such as railroads and trucking. By streamlining and modernizing the permitting process, the North American Energy Infrastructure Act will help U.S. manufacturers and energy producers continue growing, creating jobs, enhancing national security, and providing consumers with lower cost energy.

AFPM appreciates your continuing leadership on energy issues and urges Congress to support this common sense legislation.

Sincerely,

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