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The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
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Dear Chairman Whitfield and Ranking Member Rush:

On behalf of the U.S. oil and natural gas industry we write you today to register our support for H.R. 3826, the "Electricity Security and Affordability Act." H.R. 3826 takes a reasoned approach to addressing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and providing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a practical framework in tackling current, and the crafting of future, GHG regulations.

Industry has made significant progress in emission reductions and energy efficiency. Technological innovations, refinery enhancements, new resource discoveries and market dynamics have provided a game-changing opportunity that will allow the U.S. to create jobs and grow the economy while continuing to improve our environment. As the Energy Information Administration projects, oil and natural gas will continue to provide nearly 60% of the energy we use in 2040. Given projections for greater US production and use of natural gas throughout the economy we can look forward to many more years of such emission reductions.

The American Petroleum Institute (API) believes that the U.S. should not take unilateral actions that will threaten both our economy as well as our ability to continue improving the environment. The Clean Air Act was not designed to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant from stationary sources. Any EPA regulations should be based on sound science and should be cost-effective. In particular, New Source Performance Standards should be based on demonstrated control technologies which are cost-effective and not just aspirational goals. H.R. 3826 would reinforce the original intent that NSPS regulations be based on demonstrated, available technologies, consistent with API's positions.

We support the sponsors and spirit of this bipartisan legislation, H.R. 3826, the “Electricity Security and Affordability Act”, and its future enactment.

Sincerely,

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