



April 10, 2014

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Energy and Commerce Committee
2322A Rayburn House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

On behalf of Accelerate Colorado, I would like to express support for H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act. Accelerate Colorado is a partnership between business and local governments in Colorado that works with the U.S. Congress and key federal leadership on issues critical to the state's economic development. We work year-round to build consensus among the state's local governments and business leaders in order to present a unified, comprehensive agenda at the federal level for the economic benefit of the state as a whole. Our members believe that this legislation would create substantial new economic opportunities for Colorado and the United States.

As economic development professionals, we understand the challenges involved with creating new jobs and in generating new profits for the private sector and new tax revenues for the public sector. One of the strengths of this legislation is that it can do all of this with minimal cost. And it even strengthens our position in foreign affairs. Representative Gardner, the sponsor of this legislation, has pointed out there is a surplus of natural gas supply in Colorado, as there is throughout many parts of the United States from Texas, to North Dakota, to Pennsylvania. Accelerate Colorado believes that H.R. 6, if enacted into law, will not only open up additional economic opportunities for increased growth, but also help to sustain the local jobs created and local taxes generated of late by the natural gas industry.

Accelerate Colorado urges the full committee to consider H.R. 6 and to move this legislation to the House floor for a vote. Thank you for your leadership on this important matter, and for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Bryan Blakely
President
Accelerate Colorado

CC: The Honorable Cory Gardner