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Dear Member of Congress:

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), representing thousands of American oil and gas explorers and producers, supports passage of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). IPAA especially supports inclusion of S. 2440, the “BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act,” in the final NDAA package (Section 3021) and believes it is an important part of an all-of-the-above energy strategy for our nation. The increased certainty and flexibility S. 2440 provides our members will enhance Americas’ energy security, create American jobs, and provide millions of dollars in additional revenue to the United States Treasury.

The “BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act” expands and improves upon a successful pilot project program, which was authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The program has a proven track record of success and this legislation will only make it stronger. The program has broad industry support as well as the backing of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers. [Attached is a letter](#) that IPAA, along with our industry partners, sent to Speaker John Boehner supporting passage of S. 2440 in the House of Representatives.

America’s independent oil and natural gas producers are committed to increasing energy production on federal lands. The “BLM Permit Processing Improvement Act” will help our nation increase production by reducing undue permitting backlogs on federal lands, help grow our economy by creating good-paying jobs, and generate reliable and affordable energy here in America. We urge you to support passage of the NDAA legislation and the energy package included in the bill.

Sincerely,

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