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Honorable Lisa Murkowski
 Chairman
 Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee
 304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

As representatives of America's oil producers, the undersigned strongly urge you to oppose the amendment Senator Markey intends to offer to the Keystone pipeline bill which would ban the export from the US of Canadian oil transported through the Keystone pipeline or any refined products derived from that Canadian oil.

America's oil producers look forward to working with the Congress to achieve the enormous range of public policy benefits attainable through eliminating the obsolete 1970s era prohibition on the export of crude oil. Recent studies by the US Energy Information Administration, the Government Accountability Office and the Congressional Budget Office, concluded that allowing exports of US oil will maintain and create hundreds of thousands of jobs all across the nation, significantly increase GDP, improve our nation's trade balance of payments, increase federal tax and royalty revenues and place downward pressure on the price of refined petroleum products such as gasoline. A diverse range of leading economic analysts have agreed with and confirmed these conclusions. US oil exports also would create enormous opportunity for much needed leverage for America in national security, international trade and geo-political matters.

While directed at Canadian oil, this amendment is ill-advised from a broader policy perspective and would set a very bad precedent with regard to the pressing need to repeal the current ban on exports of US oil. Indeed, the Markey amendment would even constitute a retrenchment from current law that allows both the export from the US of foreign oil as long as it is not commingled with US oil and the export of petroleum products refined in the US. As is widely known, the US is already the largest international exporter of various refined petroleum products and chemicals, which substantially supports US jobs and a more favorable balance of trade for the US. The Markey amendment represents an untimely abandonment of America's enviable tradition of leadership in international trade which has produced employment and economic prosperity for millions of Americans.

We urge the Senate to reject Markey amendment No. 13 when it is offered for consideration on the floor.

Respectfully,

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