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Secretary Jennifer Granholm U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave SW Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm,

On behalf of a coalition of energy trade associations representing the full spectrum of the American energy industry, we request the opportunity to meet with you to discuss ways our companies can partner with you to lower energy costs for Americans, strengthen our domestic energy security, and assist our allies by solidifying their energy security as well.

Our coalition's member companies work together to produce 90% of American natural gas and 83% of American oil. We represent over 770,000 energy workers who work all over the United States to produce this energy and the equipment to do so. We represent all aspects of the oil and natural gas industry, from small service and technology providers, to onshore and offshore independent producers of all sizes.

While our companies are responsible for a vast majority of domestic energy production, the effects of market and policy changes on our businesses are often magnified. Large international operators with a diverse portfolio can weather major policy changes and economic downturns, but our individual companies feel disproportionate impacts of these policy and market shifts.

We strongly believe that in order to reinvigorate domestic oil and natural gas production our sector is critical, and we would like the opportunity to share our unique perspectives and policy solutions achieve this shared goal. There are simple policy steps the Department of Energy can take that will have major impacts on our sector of the industry. These productive policy decisions will in turn provide solutions for

rising energy prices, while ensuring reliable, affordable, and plentiful energy for American's and our European allies.

Thank you for considering this request to meet with the coalition of associations at the heart of the domestic oil and natural gas industry. Given the urgency of the energy challenges our nation and allies face, we respectfully request an in person meeting as soon as possible. Please contact Tim Tarpley at <a href="ttarpley@energyworkforce.org">ttarpley@energyworkforce.org</a> for scheduling or additional follow up. We look forward to working with you on real, meaningful solutions to increase domestic energy production.

Sincerely,

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