



To Members of Congress:

We applaud the House of Representatives on the introduction of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. Americans need Congress to focus on the biggest challenge facing Hispanic families and business – persistent inflation fueled by high energy costs. Hispanic voters understand the need to move past the regulatory paralysis, burdensome taxes and wasteful spending holding back American energy abundance.

H.R. 1 includes numerous pieces of legislation that, taken together, streamline the approval process for energy and mining projects, making it easier to engage in large scale energy production that would help lower costs and create jobs, and incentivize an innovative and dynamic energy sector.

The Hispanic community in particular stands to gain from sensible and strong energy policy that fixes the broken supply chain, decreases reliance on foreign nations, and unleashes economic opportunity. Our community is deeply tied to the energy sector both as consumers and workers.

- Hispanics represent 17 percent of workers in the energy sector and over 20 percent in mining, oil, and gas. In Texas, the oil and natural gas industry labor force is 30 percent Hispanic. The jobs in the energy sector are well paid and offer plenty of opportunities for skills development and wage growth. Ensuring that this part of the economy remains dynamic is crucial to the future of overall economic growth.
- Hispanic households experience particularly high levels of cost-based energy insecurity. According to a recent survey, 40 percent of Hispanic respondents could not pay an energy bill over a three-month period, the highest percent among all groups surveyed.
- H.R. 1 offers the opportunity to reverse the current trends of higher costs, increased regulation, and stifled growth. The series of bills under consideration move our country toward greater energy abundance and affordability.

By removing these bottlenecks in the energy supply chain, the bill will help ensure energy production from diverse sources. The Lower Energy Costs Act can be an inflection point in the Biden Administration's seeming war on affordable energy that is fueling inflation and harming the environment. We commend your attention to this challenge and your commitment to lower energy costs for all Americans.

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