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Dear Member of Congress,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity and The LIBRE Initiative, we urge you to support H.R. 1121, The Protecting American Energy Production Act led by Representative Jeff Duncan. This legislation would safeguard the oil and gas industry's use of hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking. This legislation is pivotal in maintaining America's Energy independence and economic future.

Hydraulic fracturing has been a cornerstone of America's energy revolution, enabling our nation to achieve unprecedented levels of energy independence while supporting thousands of jobs across the economy. This technique has unlocked vast reserves of oil and natural gas that were previously inaccessible, contributing significantly to our energy security and economic growth.

This proposed legislation recognizes that States should maintain primacy for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas production on State and private lands and directs that the President may not declare a moratorium on the use of that fracturing unless that moratorium is authorized by an Act of Congress. This language underscores the importance of a state-led balanced, deliberative approach to energy policy. Allowing the President to declare a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing would not only jeopardize our nation's energy independence but also threaten the livelihoods of countless Americans who depend on the oil and gas industry for their employment. It is essential to recognize that a robust and diverse energy portfolio is crucial for our nation's economic health and security.

Moreover, the industry has made substantial strides in minimizing the environmental impact of hydraulic fracturing through technological innovations and stringent operational controls. These advancements have ensured that hydraulic fracturing can be conducted safely, efficiently, and in an environmentally responsible manner.

Supporting this legislation aligns with a commitment to an energy policy that is fair, science-based, and conducive to all forms of energy production. It represents a safeguard against hasty policy decisions that could undermine the economic stability and energy security of the United States.

We appreciate your dedication to pragmatic and informed energy policies. We stand ready to support this essential legislation and are confident in the positive impact your leadership will have on the future of our nation's energy landscape.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue and for your ongoing efforts to ensure a prosperous and energy-secure future for all Americans.

Sincerely,

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