



June 3, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

As governors, we are extremely concerned with the impacts your energy policies are having on households across our country and call on you to pursue an all-of-the-above energy approach that will promote homegrown energy that benefits all Americans. Under your administration, Americans have paid over 40% more for gas every time they fill up<sup>1</sup>. These policies are disproportionately impacting low-income Americans.

Since taking office, your administration has weakened American energy security by reducing the amount of federal acres leased for drilling, canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, and prioritizing foreign energy over American-made energy. Even more recently, your decisions to freeze all new liquified natural gas (LNG) export projects and to ban fossil fuel drilling on nearly half of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska exemplify your willingness to prioritize political whims over the long term capabilities of our natural resources.

In addition to increased grocery, gas, and utility expenses for Americans, these actions have empowered rather than countered our adversaries to direct the global energy conversation. Failing to maintain the American energy advantage emboldens China and Russia and creates a national security threat for both Americans and our allies abroad.

The inefficient and often unworkable mandates your administration continues to push are hitting Americans where it hurts the most – their pocketbooks. According to recent reports, your most recent rules and

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration, “Weekly U.S. All Grades All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices” (as of May 27, 2024)  
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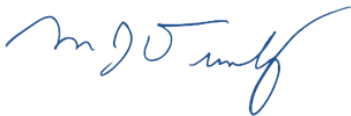
regulations in the energy space are part of a larger unchecked rulemaking effort that is projected to cost American taxpayers \$1.37 trillion.<sup>2</sup>

To address these concerns, we call on you to pause the rhetorical and regulatory hostility towards traditional energy and to include states as active participants in further rulemaking. Secondly, we call on your administration to allow the free markets to flow and adopt an all-of-the-above homegrown energy plan, which includes traditional and renewable energy sources. Specifically, we call on your administration to:

- End regulatory overreach that unnecessarily restricts domestic energy production, making it more difficult to build and transport all forms of energy in America (like the Dakota Access and Keystone XL pipelines), and ultimately drives up costs and threatens national security;
- Increase the number and quality of onshore and offshore lease sales for all forms of energy production (including petroleum development on the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A); where such leasing is consistent with all federal and state laws;
- Expedite approval of federal drilling permits, which can take over a year on federal lands as opposed to less than two weeks on private lands;
- Remove the pause on LNG exports;
- Stop the EPA's war on American energy by rolling back initiatives such as the final rules on methane emissions, particulate matter (PM2.5) standards, the Ozone Transport Rule, and the Clean Power Plan 2.0, among others;
- Repeal EPA's Waste Emission Charge (i.e., methane tax) which will drive up energy costs;
- Work with Congress to enact comprehensive permitting reform that is supportive of all forms of energy and limits bad-faith legal obstructionism;
- Repeal burdensome and unnecessary financial regulations that will drive away capital from American companies;
- Expand critical mineral mining and processing to counter China; and
- Prioritize innovation over regulation by supporting technology to produce reliable, affordable American-made energy.

We look forward to your prompt reply so we can continue to find ways to work together to best protect taxpayers, while at the same time ensuring an abundant supply of reliable, affordable energy for Americans and our allies.

Sincerely,



Governor Mike Dunleavy  
State of Alaska



Governor Sarah Sanders  
State of Arkansas



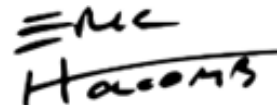
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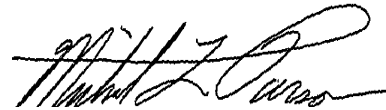
<sup>2</sup>Dan Goldbeck, "The Biggest Week on Record," American Action Forum, April 22, 2024, <https://www.americanactionforum.org/week-in-regulation/the-biggest-week-on-record/>



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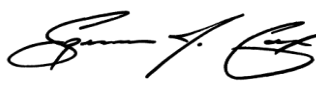
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