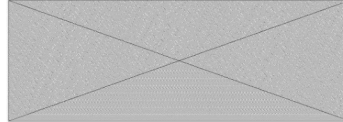


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## Executive Update

Dear API Executive:

This week's virtual speech to the Economic Club of Pittsburgh and a quick trip to New York City for meetings – including interviews with two major news outlets – provided good opportunities to reinforce our industry's efforts to tackle the dual challenge of supplying Americans with affordable, reliable energy while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

To the Pittsburgh audience I [reiterated](#) the Pennsylvania industry's "keystone" role in the U.S. energy picture, as well as its support for local jobs and communities across the commonwealth and beyond. I warned that these benefits face headwinds in Washington, with the natural gas tax proposed as part of budget reconciliation still a concern.

In New York, I met with National Urban League President Marc Morial to share our work on STEM education, our initiative with historically black colleges and universities and to discuss ways to expand our partnership. During separate interviews with CNBC and Financial Times reporters, I stressed the punitive natural gas proposal, which targets only our industry for tax increases. We're also advancing this advocacy in a new API-sponsored op-ed that began running in the [Washington Post](#) today and will continue through Oct. 20.

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All the best,



**Mike Sommers**  
*President and CEO*

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## API Data Show Q3 Divergence Between Growth, Industry Capital Investment

API's economics and energy market data for the third quarter of 2021 showed divergences between strong demand growth and record-low industry capital investments. That's the main thrust of API's quarterly [Industry Outlook for Q3 2021](#) and [Monthly Statistical Report](#) with primary data for August, released this week along with new 20-minute webinar by API Chief Economist Dr. Dean Foreman: [API Industry Outlook Q3 2021 webinar](#).

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## Talking Industry Careers at LULAC Annual Washington Youth Seminar

API participated this week in LULAC National Educational Service Centers' annual Washington Youth Leadership Seminar, where more than 50 Latino high school juniors and seniors from across the country came together for a virtual seminar that immerses them in public policy and career exploration. Elia Quintana of API and Milena Nino, ExxonMobil site lead financial analyst, discussed careers in the natural gas and oil industry. In addition, the seminar included a town hall where students engaged with policymakers and leaders in government and nonprofit organizations on topics impacting the Latino community.

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**API, Member Companies Mark Hispanic Heritage Month at Leadership Conference, Awards Gala**

API and a number of member companies kicked off Hispanic Heritage Month by partnering with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute for the 2021 Leadership Conference and 44th Annual Awards Gala – the country’s largest gathering of Latino leaders. This year’s theme was *Presente: Latinos Leading the Way*. The conference featured an engaging lineup of national leaders, elected officials, policymakers and influencers recognized for their vision, expertise and influence across the public, private and nonprofit sectors. API’s Amy Travieso Loveng and Shell’s Aura Cuellar participated in the plenary session on 21st-Century Technology and Innovation in American Energy, where U.S. Sen. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico provided session remarks

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**Issues in Changing Workforce Featured in API-Sponsored Women’s Webinar**

API sponsored and participated in a virtual webinar this week, “Finding Common Ground,” with the American Association of University Women ([xAAUW](#)). The event brought together college-educated women from across the country for a discussion with API’s Elia Quintana and three other panelists. The discussion centered on bridging the generational divides in the workforce, promoting diversity, equity and inclusion and leading through experience. AAUW’s Kimberly Churches facilitated a dynamic and thought-provoking webinar. API and AAUW are to host one more webinar in 2021. To be included on the invitation list, use the contact information below.

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