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Executive Update

Dear API Executive:

This week, I traveled to Pennsylvania alongside other members of the API Management and Pennsylvania teams to connect with member company representatives, address elected officials, tour state-of-the-art facilities and meet with union-affiliated workers serving our industry. As the nation's second largest producer of natural gas, Pennsylvania is essential to America's long-term energy mix and economy-wide emissions reductions – and we're proud to advocate for the fuels developed and distributed by the Commonwealth. (Special thanks to Rolf Hanson and API PA's Stephanie Catarino Wissman, Jonathan Lutz, Bill Jones, Amy Richards and Barb Feidt for organizing a great trip!)

We joined executives and workers with Williams, UGI Energy Services, and Cabot Oil & Gas to observe their operations in northeast Pennsylvania, where our industry distributes locally produced natural gas to consumers throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states. See below for a group photo outside Williams' Susquehanna Supply Hub, which employs about 100 people.

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Industry-driven technology and innovation are on display across the facilities in this area, particularly at UGI's Manning Compression Station, which can liquefy 120,000 gallons of natural gas per day.

And at the nearby Cabot site, energy problem solvers are using lower-carbon natural gas to power their drilling

rigs and deploying advanced methane monitoring equipment to minimize emissions.

Later, API staff and our industry partners gathered with community leaders, local chamber representatives and elected officials. At this “Energy Celebration” and barbecue dinner, I delivered remarks highlighting the potential for American energy to power local economies, meet the world’s growing demand for fuels and deliver a lower-carbon future.

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The natural gas and oil industry comprises about 10% of Pennsylvania's annual GDP and supports nearly 500,000 direct, indirect and induced jobs across the state. And with the region's abundance of natural gas resources, our industry has helped reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the U.S. power sector to their lowest levels in more than 30 years. When it comes to economic and environmental progress, there's no doubt: Pennsylvania's energy producers are leading the way for America.

We then had the opportunity to visit the Lackawanna College School of Petroleum and Natural Gas, a state-of-the-art center for training the American energy workforce of the future. As our industry prepares the next generation of energy problem solvers, this vocational school increases awareness of – and access to – good-paying careers in the U.S. natural gas and oil sector.

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Additionally, we expect the facility to begin incorporating API's globally recognized standards into its curriculum, which stands to improve the safety and sustainability of operations in Pennsylvania and across the U.S. We also visited Invenergy's Lackawanna Energy Center to tour the 1,485-megawatt natural gas combined-cycle electric generation facility, which has the capacity to power more than 1 million homes.

And lastly, we hosted a roundtable discussion with leaders from the local building and construction trades. API member companies have longstanding relationships with organizations like the Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA) and the Northeast Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades Council, which work closely with our industry on workforce training and infrastructure development.

Watch for media stories about the trip, thanks to our Pennsylvania team's press connections here in the Keystone State. It was a productive week for API staff and industry representatives, and I'm thankful to everyone who participated in the week's events and conversations. Industry activity in Pennsylvania and the Appalachian region remain essential to American energy security, and we will continue to cultivate allies and advocate for sensible policies to ensure the ongoing development of these essential resources.

Sincerely,



Mike Sommers
President and CEO

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REMINDER: Complete Survey for 2022 Issue Prioritization by Aug. 20

API annually surveys member CEOs to confirm the issues most critical to the industry and to ensure API's agenda reflects our member's priorities. This Issue Prioritization is based on the approach developed by API Management and approved by the Board of Directors in recent years. The recommended **Issue Prioritization for 2022** was distributed on July 23 for your consideration and response by Friday, Aug. 20. Using the survey results, we will work with the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee to finalize API's priorities and proposed budget for 2022 for review and approval by the Board of Directors at the November Annual Meeting. For more information, please contact Howard Feldman o [REDACTED]

Regulatory and Legal Updates

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API provided a response to the White House's Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) request for information to improve federal scientific integrity policies. A Jan. 27, 2021, Presidential Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking directs OSTP to convene an interagency task force, including EPA, under the National Science and Technology Council to review the effectiveness of policies developed since a similar memo was issued at the beginning of the Obama Administration. API's response to the request will be used by the interagency task force in their efforts. API advocates for transparency and reproducibility of science to inform evidence-based regulation and policy.

For more information, please contact [Ted Steichen](#) at [REDACTED]

API, Other Trades Submit Comments to EPA on Potential Revisions to CWA Section 401 Rule

In June, in accordance with President Biden's Executive Order "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis" (EO 13990), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced its intention to reconsider and revise the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification Rule.

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