

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 21, 2020

The Honorable Mike Pence  
Vice President  
United States of America  
Room S-212, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

The Honorable David Bernhardt  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C St., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

The Honorable Dan Brouillette  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

The Honorable Robert Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative  
600 Seventeenth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Vice President Pence, Ambassador Lighthizer, and Secretaries Ross, Bernhardt, and Brouillette:

We are writing to implore you to take immediate and forceful action to address the significant challenges currently facing the United States oil and gas industry. While the coronavirus pandemic is certainly causing severe disruptions throughout the economy, the recently initiated oil price war between the governments of Saudi Arabia and Russia has further exacerbated the impacts to United States energy producers.

As you know, the ingenuity and technical achievements of the oil and gas industry, combined with the Trump Administration's America-first energy policies, have solidified our nation's status as an energy superpower. Our quest for energy dominance has well served consumers and our national security interests, and our citizens and businesses have enjoyed the benefits of stable and reliable energy markets made possible by our domestic producers. We have also been able to extend these benefits to the rest of the world and provide energy security to places where our adversaries previously faced little to no competition.

All of this progress is now at risk. Saudi Arabia and Russia have determined to flood global energy markets in an effort to drive our oil and gas companies out of business. In the past, our domestic producers have successfully combated similar actions by discovering increasingly efficient ways to meet our energy demands. Today, however, the combination of the hostile actions taken by those countries in addition to the current impacts of the coronavirus pandemic has presented a challenge too great for American energy producers to address on their own.

For this reason, we urge you to use your existing authorities to immediately address this growing crisis. America must use every tool at our disposal to face the problem head-on and preserve the gains that the industry here has achieved over the past several years. Should you need additional legislative authority, we stand willing to provide assistance. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rep. Mike Johnson

Rep. Steve Scalise

Rep. Kelly Armstrong

Rep. Clay Higgins

Rep. Ralph Abraham, M.D.

Rep. Randy Weber

Rep. Lizzie Fletcher