

To All Member of the U.S. House and Senate

We are writing to strongly urge the Congress to take decisive, effective and immediate action to address the rising cost of energy in the United States today. The skyrocketing cost of oil and gas is now impacting every industry sector, large and small businesses, and every American who relies on gasoline or diesel fuel for work and family needs.

Congress needs to act now to increase domestic oil and natural gas production and to adopt policies which will reduce our Nation's dependence on foreign sources of oil. While we support initiatives that encourage conservation and the development of alternative energy sources, these alternatives will not address U.S. demand for oil and gas for the next quarter century at least.

Continued escalation in the price of oil and gas threatens the U.S. economy and is having a devastating impact on the budgets of American households. Congress must act now to respond to the need for affordable energy with stable prices by taking every possible step to encourage the environmentally sensitive development of domestic energy resources.

Respectfully,

American Bakers Association
American Beverage Association
American Bus Association
American Council of Engineering
Companies
American Highway Users Alliance
American Hotel and Lodging Association
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Machine Tool Distributors'
Association
American Rental Association
American Subcontractors Association
American Supply Association
American Trucking Associations
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated General Contractors

Association for Hose & Accessories
Distribution
Association of Millwork Distributors
Association of Woodworking & Furnishings
Suppliers
Business Roundtable
Commercial Vehicle Solutions Network
Gases and Welding Distributors Association
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Heating, Airconditioning and Refrigeration
Distributors International
Independent Distributor Association
Independent Electrical Contractors Inc
Industrial Energy Consumers of America
Industrial Supply Association
International Association of Amusement
Parks and Attractions

International Association of Plastics
Distributors
International Dairy Foods Association
International Foodservice Distributors
Association
International Franchise Association
International Sanitary Supply Association
International Sealing Distribution Assn.
Irrigation Association
Lawn & Garden Marketing and Distribution
Association
Machinery Dealers National Association
Material Handling Equipment Distributors
Association
Metal Service Center Institute
National Association of Chemical
Distributors
National Association of Flour Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Shell Marketers
National Association of Sign Supply
Distributors
National Association of Wholesaler-
Distributors
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Federation of Independent
Business
National Funeral Directors Association
National Marine Distributors Association
National Paint and Coatings Association
National Poultry & Food Distributors
Association
National Retail Federation
National Roofing Contractors Association
National School Supply & Equipment
Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
North American Association of Floor
Covering Distributors
North American Association of Utility
Distributors
North American Building Material
Distribution Association
North American Wholesale Lumber
Association

NPES The Association for Suppliers of
Printing, Publishing & Converting
Technologies
NPTA Alliance
Office Products Wholesalers Association
Optical Laboratories Association
Outdoor Power Equipment & Engine
Service Association, Inc.
Owner-Operator Independent Drivers
Association
Pet Industry Distributors Association
Petroleum Equipment Institute
Professional Beauty Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Security Hardware Distributors Association
Society of American Florists
Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
Souvenir Wholesale Distributor Association
Strategic Market Alliance
Textile Care Allied Trades Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Western Business Roundtable
Wholesale Florist & Florist Supplier
Association