

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
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President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Mr. President:

Mere hours after inauguration, you signed Executive Order 13990 which canceled the Keystone XL pipeline; soon after, you signed Executive Order 14008 which imposed a moratorium on new leases for oil and gas on all federal lands. Beyond these harmful executive orders, your Administration has also proposed targeted tax increases on the domestic oil and gas industry. In both word and deed, Mr. President, you have signaled to American producers and workers to not deliver the American energy needed to support our economy and way of life.

In the face of these actions, on August 11, 2021 National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan issued a press release requesting foreign countries who make up the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC+) to increase their oil and gas production. Mr. President, it is hard to understand your energy policy.

As the top Republican on the Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, I know that American development of oil and gas is the cleanest and safest in the world and done with the globe's best workforce, who take great pride in the environment where they work and raise their families. Instead of prioritizing environmental or labor standards, however, you insulted every labor union man and woman and American energy producer in this great nation by pleading with OPEC+ competitor nations and begging them - not Americans - to deliver the energy necessary to meet demands at home and abroad.

While you campaigned for the Presidency, you told the American labor industry that you would fight for domestic energy production and domestic jobs. You are failing to live up to this promise. Why are you choosing foreign workers and foreign energy? Why do you refuse to put the American worker and American energy independence first? How are these policies put forward in your short time in the Office of the President helping this country? The American people deserve to know.

While you reflect on your answers, Mr. President, I encourage you to use common sense and stick to your campaign promises by prioritizing and promoting American energy as a key component of our economic and energy security.

Sincerely,



Congressman Pete Stauber
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