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President Joseph R. Biden
 The White House
 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden:

The US oil and gas industry is committed to providing low-cost, low carbon energy to the world. Contrary to easy political messaging, that mission is consistent with the Biden Administration’s goals to address climate change.

Our industry supports responsible federal regulation of methane; we have consistently engaged on a host of ESG issues and allocate hundreds of millions of dollars annually to reduce our environmental footprint. A robust, environmentally responsible domestic oil and gas industry is not only in our country’s interest, but also critical to providing a high quality of life to people across the globe.

We are troubled by reports that certain groups have urged your administration to declare a climate emergency for the purpose of advancing false climate solutions, such as banning crude exports or halting new domestic oil and gas development on federal lands and waters. This action stands in stark contrast to your administration’s clear recognition of the need for greater global supply of oil and natural gas, as demonstrated by your recent trip to Saudi Arabia to encourage OPEC to produce more oil and gas to meet growing global energy needs and help lower prices here at home. Instead of asking foreign producers for more supply, we encourage

you to work with American oil and gas producers to meet the dual challenge of producing ever-cleaner energy while meeting global demand.

The greatest emissions reductions in the world have been achieved because of the American shale revolution, as natural gas displaced higher-emitting fuels. Within our operations, we are meaningfully reducing emissions while increasing production. Shutting down US energy exports or production of oil and natural gas here in America will only lead to higher emissions, as that void will be filled by less regulated, higher emitting sources. It will also drive up costs and exacerbate the economic pain that Americans are already feeling amidst record high inflation.

The world is in the midst of an energy crisis, and energy demand is predicted to continue to grow. Gasoline prices in the US recently reached an all-time high, and many countries around the world are facing acute energy shortages. We must work together to provide affordable, ever-cleaner energy to the world. So-called climate policies, such as banning exports or restricting domestic production, moves us backwards and will drive up both costs and global emissions.

As part of broad industry coalition, we recently invited you and members of your administration to come see American-made energy production and learn about how we are already part of the climate solution. We hope you will reject these ill-conceived policies and work with American energy producers to meet this dual challenge.

Sincerely,

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