

***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