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The Honorable Doc Hastings  
Chairman  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Edward J. Markey  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Natural Resources  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Hastings and Ranking Member Markey:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest industrial trade association in the U.S., representing over 12,000 small, medium and large manufacturers in all 50 states, supports H.R. 2231, the "Offshore Energy and Jobs Act," and H.R. 1964, the "National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act."

Each of these bills would reduce barriers and streamline government permitting process in approving domestic energy resource projects. H.R. 2231 would open areas on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) to energy exploration; H.R. 1964 would provide for expeditious leasing of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. According to a study by Wood Mackenzie Energy Consulting, policies that encourage domestic oil and gas exploration could add 1.1 million jobs by 2020 and four million barrels' worth of oil and natural gas per day. Energy is the lifeblood of manufacturers, and having a secure, reliable and affordable supply of energy is vital to our success.

There is no questioning our nation's abundance of oil and natural gas resources. The NAM supports an "all-of-the-above" energy policy and strongly believes that a commitment to oil and gas exploration is a major part of it. The NAM supports these two bills, which allow for greater exploration and responsible development of our vast oil and gas resources, measures that can enhance our economic and energy security.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Members of the Committee on Natural Resources