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***AFPM Launches Seven-Figure Campaign Thanking Democrat Champions, Warning that Reconciliation Taxes Could Lead to Higher Gas and Grocery Prices, Threaten Jobs and Undermine U.S. Energy Security***

Washington, D.C. – The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) is launching a seven-figure ad campaign today urging Democrats in the House of Representatives to reject new, punitive taxes aimed at American-refined energy and American-made plastics. The campaign includes television, radio, digital video and print components and is centered around Democratic members of Congress in Texas and Central California.

**AFPM President & CEO Chet Thompson** said, regarding the launch of the campaign:

*“Any tax that makes it more expensive to make gasoline, diesel and jet fuel right here in America is at odds with the President’s promise that tax increases will not hit working families. The same is true of taxes aimed at plastics. Consumers will feel the pain of these taxes, likely in the form of higher prices on gas and consumer goods.*

*“America’s economic and energy security, high-paying jobs and global competitiveness would be compromised if crippling new taxes on energy and plastics are incorporated into the budget reconciliation bill. It’s stunning that while China is doubling down on its refining industry and petrochemical capacity—investing billions in growth—some in Washington are considering policies that would set our industries back and raise energy prices for hardworking Americans.*

*“Thankfully, there are voices of reason in Congress who understand the repercussions of tax policies like these on constituents who are already shouldering higher costs of living. Many of these same Members are champions for the fuel refining and petrochemical industries, the men and women who work at our facilities, and the jobs supported by them. We appreciate the leadership of these Members and urge them to stand strong throughout the budget reconciliation process by saying no to any new taxes aimed at American-refined energy and American-made plastics.”*

Debates in Congress over the budget reconciliation bill have raised the potential for new taxes to be levied against American refineries and petrochemical facilities. Among the taxes being discussed for possible inclusion by members of the House and Senate are methane taxes, border carbon adjustments and plastic production taxes. A methane tax would extend to entities that process crude oil feedstocks, including fuel refineries that manufacture gasoline, diesel and jet fuel. A border carbon adjustment would impose a charge on imported crude oil, which accounts for 40 percent of what runs through American refineries. The plastic tax being discussed would add a 20-cent-per-pound tax penalty to plastics produced in the United States, regardless of whether the plastics are used in medical equipment, food packaging or personal protective equipment (PPE).

# AFPM Campaign Urges Members of Congress to say NO to New Taxes on American-Refined Energy, Plastics

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## CALIFORNIA ENERGY DRIVES AMERICA.

And once again, the U.S. refining and petrochemical industries are fueling us forward.

But Washington politics are now placing our economic recovery—and California manufacturers, workers and communities—in jeopardy.

Costly new taxes proposed in Congress will make crude oil, plastics and refined products manufactured in California more expensive, threatening good jobs here at home and driving up gas prices across America.

While China and other countries invest billions in new refineries and workers, misguided new energy taxes coming out of Washington, D.C. would put American jobs and U.S. energy security on the line.

**We need Representative Jim Costa to safeguard California energy manufacturers, workers and the communities we call home.**

Call Representative Costa at 559-495-1620 today. Tell him to say **NO** to crippling new energy taxes.



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**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE  
VERONICA ESCOBAR**

**915-541-1400  
CALL TODAY**

The image is a promotional graphic for U.S. Representative Veronica Escobar. It features a portrait of her on the left, wearing a dark blazer over a light blue shirt and a pearl necklace, with an American flag in the background. To the right of the portrait is a blue rectangular area with white text. The text includes her name and title, followed by a phone number and the phrase 'CALL TODAY'. The graphic has a white background with red and blue horizontal bars at the top and bottom, and a pattern of small white dots in the upper right corner.

**Thankfully, U.S. Representatives Colin Allred and Marc Veasey have been champions for Texas energy manufacturers, workers and the communities we call home.**

Call (202) 225-3121 to say Thank You!

Tell Reps. Allred and Veasey to stand strong for Texas energy by saying **no to crippling new energy taxes.**

## **About AFPM**

*The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) is the leading trade association representing*

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*the makers of the fuels that keep us moving, the petrochemicals that are the essential building blocks for modern life, and the midstream companies that get our feedstocks and products where they need to go. We make the products that make life better, safer and more sustainable — we make progress. For more information about AFPM, please visit [www.afpm.org](http://www.afpm.org)*

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