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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers strongly supports three bills coming before the U.S. House of Representatives this week—H.R. 1422, H.R. 4012, and H.R. 4795. The U.S. is in the midst of a manufacturing renaissance that promises to increase energy security and create jobs. By some estimates, U.S. refining and petrochemical manufacturers are investing more than \$125 billion dollars and creating hundreds of thousands of new jobs to take full advantage of domestic energy production. The only thing that stands in our way is a duplicative and wasteful regulatory regime crafted by government bureaucrats behind closed doors.

Regulations can protect the public while maintaining growth if crafted carefully, transparently, and using the best science. Unfortunately, by using decades-old data that has not been made public and by relying on advisors that take taxpayer money to peer review their own work, EPA continues to layer on increasingly costly new regulations that deliver very few public benefits. These new regulations, coupled with a byzantine and litigious permitting process, threaten the investment the refining and petrochemical industry is making in America.

There is simply no justification for the status quo. The EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act, the Secret Science Reform Act, and the Promoting New Manufacturing Act will help ensure regulations are crafted transparently using the best science, while providing additional transparency into maze of required regulatory permits in pursuit of a more streamlined process.

AFPM encourages Congress to pass these commonsense measures that will allow the public to understand the foundation for regulatory action and begins the process of making the permitting process more efficient for job-creators.

Sincerely,

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