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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
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Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

The American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM), a national trade association representing more than 97 percent of U.S. refiners and the majority of petrochemical manufacturers, strongly supports regulatory reform that enhances the transparency, accountability, and efficacy of federal regulations. For this reason, AFPM strongly supports the *Midnight Rules Relief Act*, the *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act*, and the *Regulatory Accountability Act*.

The United States is experiencing a manufacturing renaissance resulting from a surge in domestic oil and natural gas production. This unique opportunity is the result of innovation and technology in the U.S. energy sector, and promises to continue creating quality jobs while strengthening U.S. energy and national security. However, although AFPM supports sensible regulations based in sound science and crafted in a transparent manner, it is also apparent that the current regulatory system is broken and often falls short of these basic ideals.

Taken together, the *Midnight Rules Relief Act*, the *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act*, and the *Regulatory Accountability Act* will promote good government by beginning to restore balance to federal regulations. This legislative package will increase the transparency and quality of rulemaking by enhancing the process federal agencies must adhere to while increasing the accountability of both the executive branch and Congress to the public.

AFPM is encouraged that the House continues to make regulatory reform a top priority as the 115th Congress convenes and fully supports your efforts. We urge all Members of Congress to support the *Midnight Rules Relief Act*, the *Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny Act*, and the *Regulatory Accountability Act* as they are considered in the coming weeks.

Sincerely,

Chet Thompson
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