Dear Speaker McCarthy,

We applaud the House of Representatives on the introduction of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. Americans need Congress to focus on the biggest challenge facing families and business – persistent inflation fueled by high energy costs. Voters understand the need to move past the regulatory paralysis, burdensome taxes and wasteful spending holding back American energy abundance. With this bill, the House of Representatives has delivered. We urge swift passage and prompt consideration in the Senate.

H.R. 1 would roll back the worst regulatory restrictions and taxes crippling supply chains for production and delivery of affordable energy. The bill would eliminate a new tax on natural gas infrastructure borne by consumers; restore predictability to energy production from federal lands; end the abuse of Clean Water Act permitting by anti-development states seeking to block pipelines and other affordable energy projects; streamline duplicative regulations that undermine investment in domestic natural gas and abet foreign adversaries’ manipulation of world energy markets; and overturn lower courts that seek to erode property rights and federal lands as a viable source of key mineral inputs to our economy. By removing these bottlenecks in the energy supply chain, the bill would help ensure abundant, affordable energy from diverse sources.

The bill marks an important first step in returning environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to its original, modest purpose. Setting broad energy policy is the job of Congress, not activist groups through abusive litigation or unelected bureaucrats acting under the cover of project-specific impact statements. By recognizing that Congress must rein in NEPA review, the bill validates hope for deeper NEPA reform essential to returning America to energy self-governance.

Finally, H.R. 1 rejects green cronyism that caters to special interests at the expense of higher energy costs and deficits. By clawing back nearly $30 billion of taxpayer funds earmarked for opaque grants to prop up uneconomic projects with no accountability, the bill would ensure that Americans hit by inflation do not finance payoffs to activist groups and local power brokers.

The Lower Energy Costs Act is an inflection point against the Biden administration’s war on affordable energy that is fueling inflation and harming the environment by needlessly shifting energy production to higher impact countries and technologies. We commend your attention to this challenge and commitment to lower costs through American energy abundance.
Sincerely,

Brent Gardner
Chief Government Affairs Officer and Senior Vice President
Americans for Prosperity

Myron Ebell
Director
Center for Energy & Environment, Competitive Enterprise Institute

Grover Norquist
President
Americans for Tax Reform

Paul Teller
Executive Director
Advancing American Freedom

Ryan Walker
Vice President of Government Relations
Heritage Action

Benjamin Zycher
Senior fellow
American Enterprise Institute (for identification purposes only)

Pete Sepp
President
National Taxpayers Union

Daniel Garza
President of the LIBRE Initiative
Russ Duerstine  
Executive Director  
Concerned Veterans for America

Thomas Pyle  
President  
American Energy Alliance

Heather R. Higgins  
CEO  
Independent Women's Voice

Adam Brandon  
President  
FreedomWorks

Jon Sanders  
Director  
Center for Food, Power, and Life at the John Locke Foundation

Dr. Steven J. Allen (J.D., Ph.D.)  
Vice chairman  
The Conservative Caucus

Phil Kerpen  
President  
American Commitment

Craig Richardson  
President  
Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal)

Bob Carlstrom  
President  
AMAC Action

Dr. Thomas P. Sheahen  
Chairman  
Science and Environmental Policy Project (SEPP)
David Stevenson  
Director  
Center for Energy & Environment, Caesar Rodney Institute

Paul Gessing  
President  
Rio Grande Foundation

William L. Walton  
The Bill Walton Show  
Resolute Protector Foundation

Saulius “Saul” Anuzis  
President  
60 Plus Association

James L. Martin  
Founder & Chairman  
60 Plus Association

James Taylor  
President  
The Heartland Institute

Bette Grande  
CEO & President  
Roughrider Policy Center

E. Calvin Beisner, Ph.D.  
President  
Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation

Malon Wilkus  
President  
The Enterprise Supporting Climate Science

Donna Jackson  
Director of Membership Development  
Project 21 Black Leadership Network
Carla Sands  
Vice Chair  
Center for Energy & Environment  
America First Policy Institute  

Greg Sindelar  
CEO  
Texas Public Policy Foundation