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The Honorable Tom Price
Chairman
House Republican Study Committee
424 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rob Bishop
Chairman
House Congressional Western Caucus
123 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairmen Price and Bishop:

On behalf of the American Conservative Union, I would like to add our strong support for H.R. 2300, the American Energy Innovation Act.

At a time when the House is taking up legislation, H.R. 2454, which will impose an energy tax on every consumer, reduce the future supply of domestically produced energy and potentially cause the loss of millions of jobs in energy intensive industries, your bill is a breath of fresh air to millions of American taxpayers who believe government policies should encourage U.S. energy independence and help grow the American economy.

There are many positive features to this bill, but just a few are:

- The bill streamlines the bureaucratic process for approving offshore oil and gas leases, now that the federal moratoria have been lifted;
- The bill utilizes tax credits to encourage technological innovation in all forms of energy and energy conservation rather than heavy-handed mandates and government controls that stifle innovation;
- The bill reduces the regulatory burden that has prevented badly needed increases in U.S. refinery capacity;
- The bill encourages the development of nuclear energy as a clean, safe alternative for our future energy needs.

Thank you for introducing legislation which puts the practical interests of American energy consumers over ideological theory. ACU will encourage all members to support this bill as co-sponsors.

Sincerely,

Larry Hart
Director of Government Relations