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## Offshore Energy Development Promises Major Job Opportunities

Dear Kevin,

America's natural gas and oil industry supports **10.3 million U.S. jobs** across a range of industries, including an additional 2.7 jobs for every direct job in the industry.

The economic impact reaches all 50 states, both **producing and non-producing states**. The industry supports 322,600 jobs in **Pennsylvania**, the nation's No. 2 **natural gas producer**, and 258,500 jobs next door in New York, the nation's No.4 consumer of natural gas. New York sits atop the same resource base that has made Pennsylvania an epicenter of the American energy renaissance, and the state could potentially add an additional 60,000 jobs by developing its own natural gas and building the pipelines needed to serve its residents.

This tale of two states is a case study in seizing energy opportunity. Although the United States leads the world in the production and refining of natural gas and oil – an achievement with clear benefits for job creation, energy security and **consumer savings** – we haven't yet reached the full economic potential of our abundant resources.

## Jobs and Economic Growth Tied to Energy Infrastructure

An API study earlier this year estimated investments in needed natural gas and oil infrastructure could total more than a trillion dollars and potentially generate more than 1 million jobs through 2035. **Learn more about** the middle-class sustaining jobs impact of energy infrastructure investment.

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Expanding access to U.S. energy resources is critical to [future energy security](#) and to fueling economic growth. Eighty percent of [U.S. voters](#) support increased domestic oil and natural gas production, and accessing our [vast offshore resources](#) in the Atlantic, Arctic, and Eastern Gulf of Mexico is a promising place to start.

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