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Dear Kevin,

In passing [tax reform](#) last month, Congress and the Trump administration set a course toward greater economic growth and increased U.S. competitiveness. Policymakers can continue on that path in 2018 by taking action to advance U. S. energy development – one of the [major drivers of job growth and economic benefits](#) for consumers.

Expand Energy Access: Natural gas and oil development is essential to the U.S. economy, supporting 10.3 million jobs across a range of industries and reducing costs for homes and businesses. And there's more where that came from. Accessing the [wealth of energy resources](#) located in offshore areas could generate hundreds of thousands of jobs and lead to production gains of more than a million barrels of oil equivalent per day – further reducing dependence on overseas energy. The Trump administration's new plan for [offshore development](#) could provide a welcome opportunity to bring [safe energy development](#) to new offshore areas.

Keep Competitive Electricity Markets: Natural gas is now the leading source for U.S. electricity generation, and its benefits are wide-ranging. Its [reliability, affordability and](#)

Offshore Energy: Safe Development for a Secure Energy Future

The natural gas and oil industry has the experience and advanced technology to safely develop the nation's offshore reserves, and we've worked together with regulators to make offshore development safer than ever. [Learn more about the importance of offshore energy](#) to future U.S. energy security, and the steps we've taken to keep offshore development safe.

since achieved by the U.S. energy revolution. It's time to acknowledge current realities and repeal or significantly reform the RFS.

Not only do pro-energy policies make good economic sense, they receive bipartisan support. Eighty percent of U.S. voters support increased domestic oil and natural gas production. As Congress and the Trump administration set priorities for 2018, pro-economy, pro-consumer energy policies should be on the short list.

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