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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McConnell:

I write to express the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers' (AFPM) strong opposition to any legislation that includes subsidies for renewable energy, energy taxes, or fees in exchange for lifting the crude oil export ban. AFPM represents high-tech American manufacturers of virtually the entire U.S. supply of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, and home heating oil, as well as the petrochemicals used as building blocks for thousands of vital products in daily life. Our members support two million American jobs, manufacture the products that make modern life possible, and keep our country safe and our economy strong.

The U.S. refining and petrochemical industries have invested many billions of dollars in new equipment and infrastructure to utilize our country's growing crude oil supply. As a result of these efforts, the International Energy Agency projects the U.S. will be energy-secure by the end of this decade.

AFPM supports free markets and trade, and as such, does not oppose lifting the crude oil export ban. We also believe that Congress should repeal other market-distorting policies, such as the Renewable Fuel Standard and the Jones Act. AFPM, however, will not compromise one free-market principle to secure another, and thus we would vigorously oppose any agreement or legislation linking the lifting of the crude oil export ban with subsidies, mandates, taxes, or other federal energy or environmental programs that intrude on the free market.

On behalf of AFPM, I respectfully ask that you oppose any effort to provide subsidies, impose new mandates, or layer on more energy taxes to facilitate lifting the crude oil export ban.

Sincerely,

Chet Thompson