



Support–Not Hinder–North American Energy Production

Manufacturing accounts for one-third of the energy consumed in the United States. In fact, metalcasting is one of the most energy-intensive industrial sectors, with our melting process accounting for 55% of metalcasting's energy consumption. We are substantial consumers of natural gas, natural gas feedstock, and electricity produced from natural gas. Reliable and abundant sources of energy are essential to compete in domestic and world markets.

North American energy is poised to provide a significant competitive advantage for U.S. manufacturers. Metalcasters already are benefiting from the rapid growth in the energy sector and supplying thousands of different types of castings that are used extensively in the production, pumping and transportation of both oil and natural gas.

The American Foundry Society (AFS) believes in an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy that embraces all forms of responsible domestic energy production, including oil, natural gas, clean coal, nuclear, energy efficiency, alternative fuels and renewable energy sources. Each will help meet our national energy security, economic and environmental goals, while also providing reasonable energy prices.

AFS strongly supports final approval and construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. This project has been waiting for its permit for almost five years. The pipeline expansion would provide a significant boost to U.S. energy security bringing more than 800,000 barrels of oil per day to U.S. refineries. With the pipeline, our crude imports from Canada could reach 4 million barrels a day by 2020, twice what we currently import from the Persian Gulf.

The U.S. has an abundant supply of natural gas and we believe its development will put this country on the path to energy independence, reduce costs for businesses and households, and give our manufacturing sector an important competitive advantage.

Message to Congress

AFS urges lawmakers to support development of North American energy resources to improve U.S. competitiveness, reduce dependence on foreign oil and create jobs.

We urge the House to:

- **Support the Northern Route Approval Act [H.R. 3 – Rep. Terry (R-NE)]**
 - Allows the approval of the northern leg of the Keystone XL pipeline without the need for a presidential permit.
 - Vote on House floor expected in May 2013.

We urge the Senate to:

- **Support the Energy Savings and Industrial Competitiveness Act [no bill number assigned - Sens. Shaheen (D-NH) and Rob Portman (R-OH)]**
 - Creates energy efficiency financing programs for industrial facilities and commercial buildings, as well as requiring the federal government to increase efficiency.
 - Reauthorizes Department of Energy's industrial research and assessment centers to enhance technical assistance to manufacturing industries.

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