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I am pleased to offer the 2016 State of American Energy report, which details the economic, job creation, energy security and global leadership opportunities created by our nation's 21st century energy revolution and the policy challenges we must overcome to ensure that these benefits extend for generations to come.

The report demonstrates that oil and natural gas are fundamental to our modern way of life and high standard of living. Combined, these sources supply more than 60 percent of the energy Americans use every day. Moreover, they are the building blocks of thousands of products that make our lives more comfortable, safer, cleaner and healthier. Today our nation is the world's leader in oil, natural gas and refined product production.

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This abundant supply of affordable and reliable energy is made possible by the hard work of the millions of women and men who work directly for our industry or for businesses that support the oil and natural gas industry. The women and men of the oil and natural gas industry disprove the false choice peddled by some that we must choose between energy development and responsible environmental stewardship. Their hard work continues to drive more domestic energy production than ever before with an impact on the environment that grows ever smaller.

State of American Energy 2016 highlights how energy choices made at the federal level directly affect the lives and livelihoods of families and communities at the local level. And it underscores the need for a national energy policy discussion that is focused on what's most important: American jobs, growing the economy, making our nation more energy secure and strengthening our nation's global energy leadership. In that regard this year's report focuses on a few key policy areas that are essential to those goals: Creating energy opportunities through greater access to energy resources, getting our nation's fuel policy right, sustaining America's hydraulic fracturing-driven energy revolution, leading environmental protection efforts, strengthening our world-class refining sector, building a brighter energy future through strategic infrastructure investments, providing greater choice to America's consumers, and securing America's energy future through smart and responsible development and science-based energy policies.

Between 2009 and 2011, while the nation's economy was still weak and recovering, jobs supported by the oil and natural gas industry increased by 600,000, making it one of the few bright spots in our economy for several years. And while the recent, drastic drops in the price of oil have led to some restructuring in the oil industry, unfortunately including layoffs, this is not the long-term story or trend for the industry.

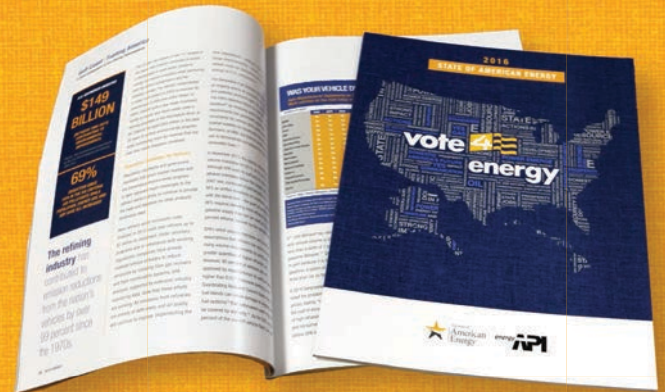
The industry's economic benefits extend to every state in the union. More than 30,000 small businesses are involved in upstream oil and natural gas operations alone, including tens of thousands of operators, contractors, service companies, suppliers and other vendors who support oil and natural gas operations.

To give a sense of the reach and scope of the industry, each chapter of this report examines the distinctive policy challenges and opportunities through highlights of these issues in seven regions that include all 50 states. The report makes clear that the economic benefits and opportunities provided by the oil and natural gas industry aren't confined to energy-producing states and that the industry could do more with the right energy policies based on market principles and sound science.

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