



Baton Rouge Area Chamber



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U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise, Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
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The Honorable John Kennedy
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The Honorable Troy Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Clay Higgins
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Julia Letlow
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The Honorable Cleo Fields
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Dear Members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation,

As business and industry leaders in Louisiana, we write to express our strong support for the Section 45V Hydrogen Production Tax Credit and to urge your continued leadership in advancing policies that support the manufacture of low-carbon hydrogen (LCH). Global LCH production and use is projected to quadruple by 2050, and Louisiana is well positioned to be a global leader in this emerging sector—critical to strengthening America’s energy leadership and ensuring Louisiana remains at the forefront of energy innovation and economic growth.

Louisiana is uniquely positioned to lead in low-carbon hydrogen, thanks to its existing industrial base and associated infrastructure. Key to the hydrogen industry in Louisiana is its large-scale, advanced pipeline network and vast port facilities, which already support the



efficient production, delivery, and export of energy and products to the global market. The National Petroleum Council estimates that U.S. exports of LCH could reach 15% of the total global LCH commodity market. By comparison, the U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) market currently represents roughly 12% of domestic natural gas production, with LNG exports expected to grow significantly over the coming decades. In short, U.S.-produced LCH has the potential to become the new LNG—with Louisiana at the epicenter of its production and export.

That is why more than \$20 billion in private-sector LCH investments have already been announced in Louisiana. As a result, the state is already upskilling members of its well-established energy workforce and training future researchers and engineers. Additional initiatives like **H2theFuture** will provide workforce training for more than 20,000 workers from the oil and gas industry, rural communities, and minority populations—with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System leading the effort.

Federal policy—particularly the 45V hydrogen production tax credit—and a clear federal commitment to supporting the growth of a domestic LCH economy are essential to realizing the full economic value of this opportunity for Louisiana. Globally, demand for LCH is expanding rapidly, which has already attracted tens of billions in low-carbon hydrogen investments throughout the U.S., with the potential to generate over \$140 billion in revenue by 2030 and account for more than half the world’s projected low-carbon hydrogen supply.

Without action, the U.S. risks ceding economic leadership in this sector to global competitors like China, which is moving aggressively to dominate this commodity market through a coordinated industrial strategy that includes more than 500 hydrogen-related policies at the local and provincial levels. Section 45V is a critical tool to avoid that outcome. It provides the market signal needed to overcome the “first-mover” challenges of scaling an LCH industry and to unlock private-sector investment in new projects, supply chains, and infrastructure—especially here in Louisiana.

Louisiana has the resources, infrastructure, workforce, and momentum to lead. What we need now is the continued support of Congress to maintain and strengthen policies like the 45V tax credit that empower our state—and our country—to lead the world in the development of low-carbon hydrogen.



Thank you for your leadership on behalf of Louisiana and your commitment to our shared economic and energy future.

Sincerely,

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