## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

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Governor Greg Abbott Office of the Governor P.O. Box 12428 Austin, TX 78711-2428

CC: Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, Speaker Dade Phelan

Dear Governor Abbott,

Thank you for recent Executive Order No. GA-33, directing the state to use all lawful powers and tools to challenge any federal action that threatens the continued strength, vitality, and independence of the energy industry.

We support your efforts and encourage you and the entire Texas Legislature to continue to hold the line against the dangerous and irresponsible federal action. The Biden Administration is using unelected bureaucrats to consolidate power in a federal city 2,000 miles away from the dome of our State Capitol.

In just a few weeks, that Administration has rejoined the Paris Climate Accord, cancelled the Keystone XL Pipeline, reinstated Obama-era climate regulations, and is now moving to ban all drilling on federal lands and water.

As the American leader in energy production and innovation, Texas needs to maintain primacy and hold the line against federal overreach. Millions of Texans depend on the economic opportunities and security provided by a thriving energy industry.

For our part, we will work unceasingly to shape policy within our Congressional Delegation and want to work alongside you in that process. However, we cannot expect to stop this impending onslaught alone.

The Lone Star State stands as a shining example for others within the Union in the defense of liberty and responsible governance, and we are optimistic Texas will continue that legacy.

We therefore urge you to continue your history of affirming and defending the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment and remind the federal bureaucrats and politicians in Washington encroaching on our State's affairs, "[t]he powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

America is great. Washington is Broken. We offer our support to protect Texas from the long arm of Washington and may God continue to bless the State of Texas through your work.

Sincerely,

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