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Hi Caroline

Please see the attached letter from Jack Gerard for Secretary Zinke. I appreciate your assistance to make sure the Secretary receives the letter. Thank you in advance and please let me know if you need any additional information.

Best regards,
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Honorable Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior
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SUBJECT: Secretarial Order 3350

The Honorable Secretary Ryan Zinke,

API is pleased to see the Administration and the Department of the Interior (DOI) continuing to take strides to put in place a lasting, domestically-focused energy policy that will help the U.S. “maintain the Nation’s position as a global energy leader.” For too long the U.S. has been hampered by the lack of a strong domestic oil and natural gas energy policy. The oil and natural gas industry is committed to developing and producing domestic energy resources for the benefit of all Americans and doing so in a safe and environmentally sound manner. API represents over 625 oil and natural gas companies that supply most of America’s energy, support more than 9.8 million jobs and 8 percent of the U.S. economy, and, since 2000, have invested nearly \$2 trillion in U.S. capital projects to advance all forms of energy, including alternatives.

Secretarial Order 3350, America-First Offshore Energy Strategy, which implements Executive Order 13795, is an important step forward that will help the offshore oil and natural gas industry regain the cost-effective regulatory framework that promotes the certainty and predictability necessary to make the massive capital investments required to bring offshore energy projects to the U.S. economy. This will serve to further the Department’s stated goal “to ensure that responsible OCS exploration and development is promoted and not unnecessarily delayed or inhibited.” This letter is intended to inform the regulatory and policy reviews directed by the order and to offer any needed assistance to you as DOI continues to implement Secretarial Order 3350. In this letter we will address broad themes associated with each subject area addressed in the Secretarial Order and provide specific industry concerns in each area.

API believes there are opportunities to improve many of the DOI rules and policy initiatives while still promoting safety and environmental performance in offshore oil and gas exploration and development. We look forward to further opportunities to work with the Interior Department leadership and staff on these and other rules.