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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
United States Senate  
361A Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McConnell:

On behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), I am writing to urge you to address the impending energy crisis by adopting a national energy strategy that promotes domestic production and facilitates the construction of additional generation, refinery and transmission capacity. A national energy plan that achieves these goals would protect the environment and benefit the American people.

Increasing domestic energy production by opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to energy exploration and production, as well as the nation's offshore oil deposits, can be achieved with minimal environmental impact thanks to recent technological improvements. Additional ways of increasing economic competitiveness while protecting the environment include investing in our nation's refining capacity and transmission capacity.

Another important component to a national energy strategy is promoting clean power from renewable energy such as wind and hydroelectric power. Furthermore, nuclear energy offers an environmentally-friendly alternative that is safe and carbon-free. The United States has not invested in nuclear power since 1973, and today only 19 percent of our nation's energy comes from nuclear sources while some of our economic competitors rely on nuclear power for upwards of 80 percent of their electricity.

AGC supports safe and responsible energy exploration and development, investing in clean and renewable energy sources, and reducing our nation's dependence on foreign oil. Developing an energy strategy will positively impact economic development nationwide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Spt E SL', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Stephen E. Sandherr  
Chief Executive Officer