Energy empowers the United States – economic growth, national security and our ability to address risks posed by climate change. Energy is essential to the progress that makes Americans’ lives and our country better.

We call this “Energy For Progress” – the theme at today’s State of American Energy event in Washington, D.C. (details at www.api.org).

The past seven U.S. presidents recognized that abundant, secure energy is key to everything America does, here at home and abroad. Indeed, our global leadership hinges on having the energy to lead – mainly because the U.S. no longer is beholden to imported energy.

Today, thanks to the domestic energy revolution, the United States is more able to improve the lives of its citizens and to do good in the world. We can make those choices because we’re no longer weighed down by concern over where the energy will come from.

In 2020, the State of American Energy is defined by American energy leadership as the world’s No. 1 producer of natural gas and oil – for the economy and individual lives, reducing carbon emissions and continued improvement in our industry’s environmental performance.

Sustaining this leadership means policies and leadership from elected officials that support safe and responsible development, onshore and offshore.

It means investments in additional energy infrastructure so that increasing numbers of Americans may benefit from domestic production.

Most importantly, it means rejecting proposals that would throw away hard-earned progress by banning fracking – the safe, modern technology most responsible for the U.S. energy revolution. Americans have waited too long and come too far to be asked to turn away from economic growth and environmental progress. API President and CEO Mike Sommers:

“The American people rightly expect big things of our industry. We have to serve the vast and growing demand for affordable energy, and we have to accelerate progress on the serious challenges of climate change. … [W]e accept that calling, and we are meeting it.”

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