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To the Members of the United States Senate:

As the U.S. Senate considers the nomination of Chris Wright to be Secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Chamber of Commerce offers the following observations. As demonstrated during his confirmation hearing, Mr. Wright is a distinguished leader with a proven track record in the energy sector and a clear vision for enhancing America's energy security and economic growth. We urge quick consideration by the Senate of Mr. Wright's nomination and look forward to working with him upon his confirmation.

During his testimony before the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, Mr. Wright outlined a pragmatic approach to energy policy that earned strong bipartisan support. He emphasized the importance of expanding domestic energy production to ensure affordable and reliable energy supplies and advance U.S. economic competitiveness—priorities that are well aligned with the needs of American families and businesses.

Mr. Wright also underscored the role of innovation and technology in driving progress. His commitment to advance the work of the Department's national laboratories reflects a forward-looking strategy to ensure America remains a global leader in energy technology and competitiveness.

Finally, Mr. Wright addressed the critical need to reduce regulatory barriers and streamline federal policies to accelerate infrastructure development. By prioritizing private-sector investment and cutting red tape, his leadership will foster an environment where energy resources and technologies can be unleashed to strengthen the American economy.

We look forward to working with Mr. Wright to advance his vision for a secure and prosperous energy future. Thank you for considering his nomination.

Sincerely,

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