



March 22, 2023

The Honorable Kevin O. McCarthy Speaker of the House United State House of Representatives H-232, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy:

Prairie Energy Partners, LLC (PEP), a wholly owned Southern Rock Energy Partners, LLC (SREP) company, is developing to construct and commission a 250,000 BPD, dual 125,000 train, crude refinery along the Gulf Coast of Texas or in the energy heartland of Oklahoma to process domestically produced Anadarko, Denver-Julesburg, Eagle Ford, Permian, and Bakken Basin WTC, WTL (Shale), and WTI crude oils. The product slate will include gasoline (unleaded regular 87 and unleaded premium 93), ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD), aviation - jet, and IMO compliant marine fuel as well as renewable diesel and jet.

PEP has engaged industry leading technology providers to reduce and eliminate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and to decarbonize the refining industry. When compared to existing refineries, these technologies will significantly reduce and eliminate methane (CH4), carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur oxides (SO2), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emissions and particulates by at least 95%.

H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, will begin the process of helping projects, like our proposed \$5.6B next-gen refinery, stay within manageable construction and financial parameters by reducing regulatory burdens and streamlining key approval processes. Furthermore, we applaud the efforts of Congressman Bob Latta (OH-5), sponsor of H.R. 1085—the REFINER Act—and Congressman Dan Crenshaw (TX-2), sponsor of H.R. 1155—Keeping America's Refineries Act—for drawing policymaker's attention to the importance of having a robust American refining industry. Increasing our U.S. refining capacity will help send the right signals to the market—freeing up needed capital and helping to reduce the cost of fuel to everyday consumers—and to our adversaries around the world that we are serious about our energy and security future.

We appreciate your leadership to help reduce the cost of energy for all Americans by creating a regulatory framework that allows us to invest in the energy expansion, avoid the trappings of endless litigation, and maintain the clean air and water that we all enjoy. Therefore, we are proud to support this important and thoughtful legislation. If you or your staff have any questions about our next-gen refinery, please do not hesitate to contact me at (979) 578-1734.

Sincerely, HWard

Steven Ward Managing Member

Cc: The Honorable Steve Scalise; The Honorable Tom Emmer; The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers; The Honorable Bob Latta; The Honorable Dan Crenshaw