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Windfall Profits Tax Could Cause American Job Losses

(Washington, DC) Today the Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) joined a chorus of voices warning that a windfall profits tax on energy producers would hurt U.S. companies and result in severe job losses for American workers.

“We have heard rumblings that some in Congress may seek to add a windfall profits tax or other type of tax to fund renewable energy programs. The natural gas industry supports renewable energy – we need wind, solar and other sources of alternative power. What we don’t need, however, are bad public policies that negatively impact the people employed in our industry,” said R. Skip Horvath, president and CEO of the Natural Gas Supply Association.

A report released today from CRA International, commissioned by the American Petroleum Institute (API), states that new taxes on the oil and natural gas industry would likely destroy nearly half-a-million American jobs.

“Last year the natural gas and oil industry – the blue jobs of our economy – employed, directly and indirectly, nearly 6 million people. We want to protect those people and their jobs. We hope Congress will listen,” Horvath said.

A 2006 Congressional Research Service report on windfall profits taxes found that reimplementing “could have several adverse economic effects.” The report found the windfall profits tax, implemented in 1980 and repealed in 1988, contributed to decreasing domestic energy production by anywhere from 3 to 6 percent.

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NGSA represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes the benefits of competitive markets to ensure reliable and efficient transportation and delivery of natural gas and to increase the supply of natural gas to U.S. customers.

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