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**DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCERS' ALLIANCE APPLAUDS EXECUTIVE ORDER
DEFENDING U.S. ENERGY SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SOVEREIGNTY**

TULSA, OK — The Domestic Energy Producers' Alliance (DEPA) today issued a statement of strong support following the issuance of an Executive Order by President Donald J. Trump aimed at eliminating unlawful state-level impediments to the development and use of American energy resources.

The order, signed April 8, 2025, directs the U.S. Attorney General to identify and challenge state laws and regulations that obstruct the production, investment, and interstate trade of domestic energy — particularly those targeting oil, natural gas, coal, hydropower, and other critical energy sources. The action is designed to restore regulatory balance, protect federal jurisdiction, and ensure that no state can unilaterally dictate national energy policy.

“This action by President Trump is a clear and decisive step in defense of American energy producers, American jobs, and American families,” said **Jerry Simmons**, President and CEO of DEPA. “For too long, politically driven state policies have attempted to override the constitutional balance of federalism and impose unjust burdens on domestic oil and gas. By reaffirming the essential role of fossil fuels in national security and economic stability, this order sends a powerful message: America’s energy future will not be dictated by fringe ideologies or out-of-state lawsuits — it will be built by American producers, for the American people.”

The Executive Order calls out specific examples of overreach — including New York and Vermont’s attempts to retroactively impose climate-related penalties, California’s burdensome carbon credit programs, and other ideologically motivated efforts to use environmental or ESG-based frameworks to punish the domestic energy industry. These efforts, the order states, “weaken our national security and devastate Americans by driving up energy costs for families coast-to-coast.”

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The Attorney General has been directed to report within 60 days on actions taken to stop these practices, as well as to recommend any additional legislative or executive action required to preserve U.S. energy dominance.

DEPA commends the Administration for prioritizing affordable, reliable domestic energy and defending the rights of American producers from unlawful state interference. The organization remains committed to working alongside federal partners to ensure that American energy policy supports economic growth, consumer affordability, and national strength.

Read the full White House statement [here](#).

About the Domestic Energy Producers' Alliance (DEPA)

DEPA is a nationwide collaboration of 39 coalition associations – from California to West Virginia, Texas to Montana – representing individuals and companies engaged in domestic onshore oil and natural gas exploration and production. DEPA is a non-partisan association seeking common ground, and in common sense solutions to the challenges facing American oil and natural gas production.

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