



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, DC 20515-4302

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World Petroleum Council  
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Dear World Petroleum Congress:

Houston Texas, the energy capital of the world, would be the ideal host for the U.S. National Committee's bid for the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Petroleum Congress in 2020. As a United States Representative for the Houston area, I know that there is simply no better location to hold this industry-important event.

When the Spindletop gusher blew at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century in Southeast Texas, it launched America's petroleum industry. Soon thereafter, oil companies flocked to Houston to do business, and as those companies' technological advancements revolutionized the industry and the world, they helped solidify Houston's position as the energy capital of the world. Today, energy is the lifeblood of Houston with trade of energy-related products comprising nearly one-half of the city's annual revenue. More than 3,700 energy-related companies, including 40 publicly traded and more than 500 private oil and gas exploration and production firms, call Houston home. Houston is the intersection of the industry's ingenuity, research and development, exploration and production, and distribution. There is no other city that can trace its roots and still stake its future economic prosperity on oil and gas like Houston.

Houston's educated and experienced energy workforce and its international stakeholders from 91 represented countries will help guarantee high attendance for the World Petroleum Congress. Houston also offers convenient travel options with two international airports, large conference centers, and acclaimed entertainment and dining options for attendees' enjoyment.

As a Houstonian myself, I know that the City would be proud to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Petroleum Congress in 2020, and I wholeheartedly support the City's bid to do so.

Sincerely,

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