

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 2, 2020

The Honorable Michael Pompeo  
Secretary of State  
U.S. Department of State  
2201 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We write urging you to take action to discourage the excessive overproduction of crude oil by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Russian Federation. The pandemic caused by COVID-19 has roiled economies around the world. Millions of workers have been laid off and millions more are uncertain about when they will receive their next paycheck. At this critical time, when a pandemic is sweeping the world, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Russian Federation decided to flood the oil market with an unprecedented supply of crude. This manipulation of markets has further roiled the global economy, causing more suffering for everyday citizens. It is essential that the American government respond with decisive action.

We applaud President Trump and his Administration's historic success in securing America's energy independence; however, it is essential to America's national security interests that actions like those of Saudi Arabia and Russia be addressed.

It is fundamentally important that the Department of State employ appropriate diplomatic pressure to prevent the actions of these foreign nations from inflicting unnecessary damage on economies around the world. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Russian Federation must understand that now is the time to work together to meet the global COVID-19 crisis head on and that there are consequences for those who choose to be a source of instability in global markets.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to continuing our shared commitment of supporting a strong, robust American economy.

Sincerely,



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KEVIN McCARTHY  
House Republican Leader



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MAC THORNBERRY  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Armed Services



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GREG WALDEN  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Her Excellency Princess Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United States

His Excellency Anatoly Antonov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States

The Honorable Dan Brouillette, Secretary of Energy