

TO: NARO Members

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SUBJECT: URGENT ACTION REQUIRED

It is now official. . . the President's budget will remove not only percentage depletion but basically all tax treatments for the domestic oil and gas industry if not stopped.

Several NARO members have just concluded two days of visits to over 20 members of Congress and their staffs. We were told the only way to get these tax repeals removed is for **YOU** to call, email, and/or write. If you have done this in the last few weeks, do it again and *again* and **again**. Tell your family and friends. Tell everyone you know. They do not need to be a NARO member or mineral/royalty owner. This will affect every energy consumer with higher prices, decreased domestic production and increased imports!

YOU are the only hope we have. **YOU** are the only hope you and your family have. *This is not an overstatement!* This budget has been presented to Congress; and without **YOU** letting them know how it will reduce your income and increase your taxes, they will vote for the budget and cripple "lil' oil."

For maximum impact, **try to make your calls or send your emails on May 20, 21 or 22** – just before the long Memorial Day weekend.

Stand up and be counted! Remember: "If not NARO, who? If not now, when?" Once enacted, these laws could follow our children, grandchildren and all future generations of descendants, forever.

NARO is only as strong and successful as the membership is active. We desperately need your help.

Sample Phone Script: Use your own words. Your personal story has power.

"I am one of the millions of American royalty owners who will suffer economic hardships from the loss of percentage depletion for oil and gas income. I want (*Congressman _____ or Senator _____*) to remove repeal of percentage depletion and the other oil and gas industry tax incentives that are in President Obama's budget. This is a direct tax increase on me, even though my income falls well below \$250,000. It will also result in: less domestic oil and gas production; kill thousands of U.S jobs; lower local, state and federal production tax revenues; and raise energy costs for businesses, industries and individual consumers."

Call the following offices: *It does not matter if you do not live in these states*

Senator Daniel Inouye (HI) 202-224-3934

Senator Byron Dorgan (ND) 202-224-2551

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Senator Richard Durbin (IL)	202-224-2152
Senator Max Baucus (MT)	202-224-2651
Senator Evan Bayh (IN)	202-224-5623
Senator Mark Begich (AR)	202-224-3004
Senator Michael Bennet (CO)	202-224-5852
Senator Jeff Bingaman (NM)	202-224-5521
Senator Sherrod Brown (OH)	202-224-2315
Senator Robert Casey Jr (PA)	202-224-6324
Senator Kent Conrad (ND)	202-224-2043
Senator Russ Feingold (WI)	202-224-5323
Senator Kristen Gillibrand (NY)	202-224-4451
Senator Kay Hagan (NC)	202-224-6342
Senator Tim Johnson (SD)	202-224-5842
Senator Amy Klobuchar (MN)	202-224-3244
Senator Blanche Lincoln (AR)	202-224-4843
Senator Claire McCaskill (MO)	202-224-6154
Senator Patty Murray (WA)	202-224-2621
Senator Bill Nelson (NE)	202-224-6551
Senator Mark Pryor (AR)	202-224-2353
Senator John Rockefeller IV (WV)	202-224-6472
Senator Charles Schumer (NY)	202-224-6542
Senator Jon Tester (MT)	202-224-2644
Senator Tom Udall (NM)	202-224-6621
Senator Mark Udall (CO)	202-224-5941

HOUSE WAYS and MEANS Committee Democrats

Congressman <u>Charles B. Rangel</u> , NY	202-225-4365
Congressman <u>Fortney Pete Stark</u> , CA	202-225-5065
Congressman <u>Sander M. Levin</u> , MI	202-225-4961
Congressman <u>Jim McDermott</u> , WA	202-225-3106
Congressman <u>John Lewis</u> , GA	202-225-3801
Congressman <u>Richard E. Neal</u> , MA	202-225-5601
Congressman <u>John S. Tanner</u> , TN	202-225-4714
Congressman <u>Xavier Becerra</u> , CA	202-225-6235
Congressman <u>Earl Pomeroy</u> , ND	202-225-2611
Congressman <u>Mike Thompson</u> , CA	202-225-3311
Congressman <u>Earl Blumenauer</u> , OR	202-225-4811
Congressman <u>Ron Kind</u> , WI	202-225-5506
Congresswoman <u>Shelley Berkley</u> , NV	202-225-5965
Congressman <u>Joseph Crowley</u> , NY	202-225-3965
Congressman <u>Chris Van Hollen</u> , MD	202-225-5341
Congressman <u>Kendrick Meek</u> , FL	202-225-4506
Congresswoman <u>Allyson Y. Schwartz</u> , PA	202-225-6111
Congressman <u>Artur Davis</u> , AL	202-225-2665
Congressman <u>Danny K. Davis</u> , IL	202-225-5006
Congressman <u>Bob Etheridge</u> , NC	202-225-4531
Congresswoman <u>Linda T. Sanchez</u> , CA	202-225-6676
Congressman <u>Brian Higgins</u> , NY	202-225-3306
Congressman <u>John A. Yarmuth</u> , KY	202-225-5401