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World Petroleum Council  
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Dear World Petroleum Congress:

I write today in support of the U.S. National Committee to the World Petroleum Council's bid to host the 23rd World Petroleum Congress in Houston, Texas in 2020. As you are aware, nowhere is the intersection of energy and geopolitics more evident than in North America and Houston is the center of that intersection. Holding the World Petroleum Congress in Houston would ensure a world-class and highly attended event.

Houston is home to the largest refining complex in the United States, hundreds of companies in the energy sector and tens of thousands of energy workers. Houston is recognized a world-class city that has hosted many energy events including IHS Ceraweek and the Offshore Technology Conference. In addition, with two international airports, a vast network of public transportation and a centrally-located convention center and meeting facilities, Houston is a logistically ideal location.

Due to a technological revolution in the oil and gas industry, the United States has catapulted itself back into a leader in production. The vast network of pipelines and midstream facilities combined with a first-rate refining sector, the United States is now a model leader in the oil and gas sector. Houston is the epicenter of the oil and gas sector in the United States and would serve the World Petroleum Congress well. I hope the World Petroleum Council will select Houston to the mutual benefit of both participants. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Gene Green  
Member of Congress

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