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Dear WPC Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for the U.S. National Committee's bid to host the 23<sup>rd</sup> World Petroleum Congress in Houston, Texas.

As the global energy industry faces an era of great change, it is important that the 2020 Congress be held in a city that both proudly embodies the industry's past and boldly represents its future. That city is Houston.

As you know, Houston was built on energy. Over 3,700 energy companies call Houston home and thousands of professionals from all over the world work in Houston's energy sector. These domestic and global companies, along with world class universities, hospitals, and high-tech industries, will be great partners for WPC delegates.

I can think of no better city for WPC member states to gather and discuss the industry's future than Houston. I hope Houston, the great state of Texas, and the United States of America, can welcome you to the World Petroleum Congress in 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Hochstein".

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