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Dear World Petroleum Congress:

I am writing to offer my support for the U.S. National Committee to the World Petroleum Council's bid to host the 23rd World Petroleum Congress in Houston, Texas, in 2020. The Society of Petroleum Engineers conducts many of our most well-respected and well-attended international conferences in Houston, and I can personally attest to the support we receive from the petroleum industry as well as the city itself.

From the earliest days of the petroleum industry in the U.S. to today's global market, Houston has been the epicenter. SPE recognizes that commercial strength, which is why we have selected Houston for our prestigious Annual Technical Conference and Exhibition 13 times. In fact, ATCE 2015 attracted 13,500 delegates from across the globe. Additionally, we organize the annual Offshore Technology Conference, a Houston tradition since 1969. Houston has proven to be an especially accommodating host for the thousands of international visitors who attend OTC each year.

Houston provides the world-class amenities that contribute to the success of a large conference, and SPE's track record of success proves it. With two international airports, numerous luxury hotels and the best dining experiences in the country, Houston is the ideal location to conduct the World Petroleum Congress. I fully support Houston's bid to host this prestigious event.

Sincerely,

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