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The Time is Now

remove the 40-year-old ban on the export of crude oil and to modernize crude oil export policies. But the battle is not over.

The vote comes as low oil prices have forced energy companies to lay off thousands of workers, reduce capital spending budgets and reduce rig counts by more than a thousand. But this bust offers the industry a chance to not only survive, but to make changes that will make us stronger when the boom returns. Dynamic

operations, increased utilization of assets, and a targeted focus on top-tier safety and environmental performance. And we must work to keep our skilled employee base intact to maintain quality operations.

Develop Leadership

The future depends on the development of an intelligent oilfield by improving production rates while significantly reducing risk. The time is now to develop the intelligent leadership that will take us to the top. Who are these leaders? Each and every one of us... We are the leaders dedicated to preserving the industry we all love.

It is not up to the government or Wall Street to determine if the oil and gas industry will survive. It is up to each person who has chosen to work each day safely, in an industry of challenges. The United States can become the most important oil-producing country in the world, and it is up to each of us to help reach that goal.

As your AESC president, it is my goal to be a visible and accessible leader. As I begin my journey around the country to visit the AESC membership, it is clear that the oil and gas leaders are prepared. America is built on an oil and gas industry founded by hard working men and women, and it is this legacy that we will leave behind for our children.

As we work to build efficiency and develop leaders, we will ensure that our energy security is maintained and strengthened. The loving spirit of family that is the AESC will prevail, and we will be stronger in the future! 🏠

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leaders of the past, as well as new leaders being developed, will undoubtedly be the catalyst for transforming the industry.

Build Efficiency

From well pad efficiencies to changes in hydraulic fracturing technology and horizontal drilling techniques, our industry continues to be a leader in innovation and technical advances that lead to increased productivity and reduced production costs. The world has witnessed significant discoveries during low commodity pricing environments as leaders strive to increase productivity to remain viable.

We must also work to build efficiency through better field

The history of the oil and gas industry is one of booms and busts, rising and falling with the price of and demand for oil and gas. In our current bust, companies have cut costs by reducing head counts and wages, competitively pricing supplies, and closing marginal operations. While there is no expectation of recovery in 2015, the industry must begin to prepare for the future.

The time is now for dynamic leadership, in an industry hit hard by falling oil prices and pricing decreases, to change the oil and gas industry as we know it into something better! We have seen positive movement in government, with the House of Representatives passing historic legislation in early October to

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