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## **AXPC Urges Congress to Support Bipartisan Trade Bill**

*New Legislation Could Help Alleviate Impacts of Steel & Aluminum Tariffs*

Washington, D.C. – This week, the American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC) joined 30 associations from a wide range of industries to urge members of Congress to support the [Bicameral Congressional Trade Authority Act of 2019](#) (BCTAA). The new, bipartisan legislation would ensure Congressional oversight of national security trade actions and give Congress the opportunity to reconsider recently imposed Executive Branch tariffs and quotas – including those on steel and aluminum.

The bill would also clarify the term “national security” and put the U.S. International Trade Commission in charge of the exclusion process in order to make the process more efficient for American companies. AXPC joins associations from the farming, retail, technology, and manufacturing industries in supporting this critical piece of legislation.

“The enactment of tariffs and quotas on imported steel and aluminum products continues to put America’s oil and natural gas producers at a disadvantage on the global playing field,” said **AXPC President Bruce Thompson**. “The quotas and tariffs, in their current form, threaten vital infrastructure projects, put energy jobs at risk, and raise costs for our entire industry and ultimately, for consumers too. This commonsense bill will bring badly-needed predictability and stability back to America’s energy sector. We applaud Representatives Gallagher and Kind and Senators Toomey and Warner for their leadership on this issue.”

Click [here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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