

RVAA Participates in Fuel Shortage Coalition

RVAA joined with a group of leading supplier/distributor associations in addressing a letter to the US Congress urging for immediate attention to the nation's fuel supply issues. The cost of fuel has affected all sectors of the American economy and is a leading driver in cost increases across many fronts. The brief letter was sent to all Congressional members as a concerted effort among these associations to show that the issue has to be addressed with a sense of urgency for the overall health of the U.S. economy and businesses of all kinds. The text of the letter appears below:

To All Member of the U.S. House and Senate

We are writing to strongly urge the Congress to take decisive, effective and immediate action to address the rising cost of energy in the United States today. The skyrocketing cost of oil and gas is now impacting every industry sector, large and small businesses, and every American who relies on gasoline or diesel fuel for work and family needs.

Congress needs to act now to increase domestic oil and natural gas production and to adopt policies which will reduce our Nation's dependence on foreign sources of oil. While we support initiatives that encourage conservation and the development of alternative energy sources, these alternatives will not address U.S. demand for oil and gas for the next quarter century at least.

Continued escalation in the price of oil and gas threatens the U.S. economy and is having a devastating impact on the budgets of American households. Congress must act now to respond to the need for affordable energy with stable prices by taking every possible step to encourage the environmentally sensitive development of domestic energy resources.

Respectfully,

<i>American Bus Association</i>	<i>Independent Electrical Contractors Inc</i>	<i>North American Association of Floor Covering Distributors</i>
<i>American Highway Users Alliance</i>	<i>Industrial Supply Association</i>	<i>North American Association of Utility Distributors</i>
<i>American Hotel and Lodging Association</i>	<i>International Association of Plastics Distributors</i>	<i>North American Building Material Distribution Association</i>
<i>American Iron and Steel Institute</i>	<i>International Dairy Foods Association</i>	<i>NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing & Converting Technologies</i>
<i>American Machine Tool Distributors' Association</i>	<i>International Foodservice Distributors Association</i>	<i>NPTA Alliance</i>
<i>American Rental Association</i>	<i>International Franchise Association</i>	<i>Optical Laboratories Association</i>
<i>American Supply Association</i>	<i>Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association</i>	<i>Petroleum Equipment Institute</i>
<i>American Trucking Associations</i>	<i>National Association of Flour Distributors, Inc.</i>	<i>Recreational Vehicle Aftermarket Association</i>
<i>Associated Builders and Contractors</i>	<i>National Association of Manufacturers</i>	<i>Security Hardware Distributors Association</i>
<i>Associated General Contractors</i>	<i>National Association of Shell Marketers</i>	<i>Society of American Florists</i>
<i>Association of Woodworking & Furnishings Suppliers</i>	<i>National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors</i>	<i>Strategic Market Alliane</i>
<i>Business Roundtable</i>	<i>National Federation of Independent Business</i>	<i>Textile Care Allied Trades Association</i>
<i>Gases and Welding Distributors Association</i>	<i>National Poultry & Food Distributors Association</i>	<i>The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.</i>
<i>Heating, Airconditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International</i>	<i>National Retail Federation</i>	<i>Wholesale Florist & Florist Supplier Association</i>
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