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President Obama's Energy Tour Draws Criticism from Independent Oil and Gas Association's Leader

Washington, D.C. – Bruce Thompson, President of the American Exploration & Production Council (AXPC), today offered the following comments in connection with the beginning of President Obama's energy tour through Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio and Oklahoma. AXPC is one of the nation's strongest advocates for the independent oil and gas industry.

“President Obama cannot have it both ways,” Thompson said. **“The President cannot claim credit for independent producers success in increasing domestic oil and gas production while zealously advocating duplicative and burdensome regulation, as well as significantly higher taxes on an industry that continues to generate high-paying jobs and economic growth in Oklahoma and the rest of the nation.”**

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