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Hello Friends!

I'm sorry I can't be with you in person. In the spirit of Petroleum Industry Appreciation Day, I'd like to thank David Galt and all of the members of the Petroleum Association for your dedication to the future of Montana.

Last week, I spent a day working at CHS refinery in Laurel. The work being done at CHS and other refineries across the state is truly impressive. You are fueling Montana and indeed, America, creating good paying jobs, reducing our dependence on foreign oil and helping to strengthen our economy.

In the 2005 Energy Bill, I included provisions to help Montana companies become more efficient, increase production and make the most of their resources. At CHS, the provisions helped the refinery build a new coker and increase production by 14 percent.

I'm committed to doing what's right for Montana, working to support the petroleum industry now and into the future. Together we can continue to boost Montana's economy.

Enjoy the rest of your convention and keep up the good work!

Very best wishes!
Max Baucus