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**APGA Welcomes PHMSA’s Pipeline Safety Proposal**

*Washington, D.C. (June 4, 2019)* – On Monday, June 3, Congress received a proposal from the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) regarding the agency’s upcoming reauthorization. PHMSA has authority over the nation’s pipeline systems and requires reauthorization to continue safety oversight.

In its proposal, PHMSA’s pipeline safety program would be reauthorized for fiscal years 2020-2023, with provisions intended to help ensure that America’s pipeline network is safe and reliable.

APGA and other associations have welcomed this proposal. Bert Kalisch, APGA’s President and CEO, stated "We are pleased to see the Department of Transportation release their pipeline safety reauthorization legislative proposal. Pipeline safety is the number one priority for APGA members and something we strive to improve upon every day. APGA looks forward to working with Congress and the Administration to reauthorize PHMSA and ensure the continued safe operation of our nation’s pipeline infrastructure.”

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