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Andy Black is President and CEO of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines (AOPL), a trade association in Washington, D.C., whose membership is owners and operators of energy liquids pipelines. Liquids pipelines transport the crude oil, refined products and natural gas liquids that American consumers and workers use every day to lead their lives and fuel their jobs. AOPL promotes the safe, reliable, and efficient transportation of energy liquids by pipelines, educates the public about the vital role oil pipelines serve in the daily lives of Americans, and advocates for the interests of its members.

He leads outreach to Congress, the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), other government agencies, trade associations, and key stakeholder groups. Andy has testified before Congressional committees and State Legislatures on behalf of AOPL and its members, and discusses pipeline issues regularly with members of the media. He participates in industry discussions about performance improvement, manages the talented AOPL staff, and reports to the AOPL Board of Directors.

Andy previously served as Director of Federal Government Relations for the El Paso Corporation, a natural gas pipeline, producer, and LNG terminal operator. Prior to that, he was Director of the Office of External Affairs for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). He spent a combined thirteen years on Capitol Hill as a staff member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and for Congressman Joe Barton. He also spent time directing The Advocacy Group (TAG), a network of government relations firms in state and national capitols, while working for MAPA Group in Washington.

Andy has earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) credential from the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), and completed the Institute of Organization Management (IOM) program of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

Mr. Black has a B.S. in Economics from Texas Christian University and an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland. Raised in Texas, he lives in Brambleton, Virginia, with his wife and school age daughter and son.