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Matt Koch is a vice president at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Institute for 21st Century Energy (Energy Institute). Koch is responsible for leading the Institute's efforts to promote and expand support for the development of Canadian oil sands and access to Arctic resources. He is credited for building and managing the Energy Institute's successful Partnership to Fuel America, a multistate, pro-North-American energy small business advocacy network. Koch also played a role in developing policy recommendations for the Institute's Energy Works for US platform.

Koch travels widely in the United States and Canada to raise awareness of issues impacting American energy—particularly around access to oil sands. He has provided expertise and insight at events such as the Manning Center Conference in Ottawa, Canada, and the North American Energy Security Dialogue in Vancouver, Canada, and has shared thought leadership with local chambers of commerce, including the Detroit Chamber of Commerce's Energy and Environment Committee and the MAKO (Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma) Chamber Conference.

Before joining the Chamber, Koch was director of Federal Relations at the American Petroleum Institute (API), where he was chief advocate and issue manager for all downstream and refining-related issues affecting the oil and natural gas industry. In addition, he directed API's renewable fuels and environmental issue advocacy on Capitol Hill and with the administration. Koch was recognized for initiating and organizing an effective nontraditional coalition of food, feed, environmental, and energy businesses and trade associations to advocate on biofuels issues while at API.

During George W. Bush's first term, Koch worked at the Department of Energy and in the White House. At the White House, he served in the Office of Cabinet Affairs as White House liaison to the secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, and Energy and the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Koch began his career as a legislative assistant for Rep. Bill Paxon (R-NY) in Washington, D.C. He went on to oversee district operations for Paxon and later for Rep. Jack Quinn (R-NY). He also worked for the Texas Office of State-Federal Relations in Washington, D.C., for then-Gov. Bush, and on the staff of the minority leader of the New York State Assembly in Albany, New York.

Koch lives in Falls Church, Virginia, with his wife and two sons. He graduated from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, with Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations.



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