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The Honorable Cory Gardner House of Representatives 213 Cannon HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Gardner,

As you know, domestic oil and gas development in Colorado is providing jobs, delivering clean energy resources and dramatically impacting the energy economy in the United States and around the world. Colorado has been a leader in responsible development of our resources, enacting thoughtful, sensible and tough environmental and regulatory standards that protect our citizens and communities.

I know you share our concerns with the growing tensions in Eastern Europe and Ukraine. We recognize the strain this is placing on our relationship with Russia and our European allies. In the midst of this, we are encouraged by Senator Udall's and Congressman Gardner's efforts to modify the natural gas export standard from allowing exports only to Free Trade Agreement countries, to include all countries that are World Trade Organization members. This would provide the opportunity to export liquefied natural gas to Ukraine and other Eastern European countries that currently do not have free trade agreements with the United States, which we hope will ease some of the economic concerns in that region.

We urge your support for this change.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Charles Ward, vice president of public affairs at the Denver Metro Chamber, at 303-620-8033 or <u>charles.ward@denverchamber.org</u>.

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