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The Honorable Mark Pryor
United States Senate
Dirksen Senate Office Building, SD-255
Washington, D. C. 20510-0405

Dear Senator Pryor:

Thank you for all you do and for always putting Arkansas first with your work in the Senate. One of the ways you can help Arkansas and the country is to promote the use of clean natural gas. The U.S. is now the world's leading producer of natural gas and Arkansas is the 10th largest natural gas producing state. That's a welcome economic boost in Arkansas and nationally. Supporting liquid natural gas (LNG) exports would be a natural fit with the economic growth initiatives you have already introduced – and there is a huge global market for LNG exports that American producers are not playing in at all.

That is because there is, to date, not one export terminal in the U.S. capable of converting pipeline delivered gas into LNG and shipping it overseas. It is not a lack of private capital that's keeping these facilities from being built; it's the painfully slow and complex export licensing procedure required to get DOE permission to build a terminal. From what I have read, dozens of applications are piled up in D.C., but only one has received final approval.

As *The Economist* put it in February: "America does not ban the export of natural gas, but it makes getting permits insanely slow." We need a bipartisan effort in Congress to light a fire under the DOE to accelerate the permits process. Your service has been highlighted by appropriate bipartisan efforts, and I cannot think of a better person than you to lead this effort.

Getting America into the LNG export game would not only bring new jobs and export revenue to Arkansas, it would ease the U.S. balance of payments and have a stabilizing effect on geopolitics. None of this is going to happen overnight, but it all begins with speeding up that "insanely slow" permits process.

I would appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce".

Bruce Maloch
State Senator, District 12