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Dear Senator Grassley:

As tensions across the globe make international relations increasingly difficult, it is important for the U.S. to strengthen its ties with overseas allies. While common goals and ideological compatibility certainly bolster diplomatic efforts, shared economic objectives are often the most important ingredient to enduring international alliances.

At this time, several countries within the European Union as well as Japan are struggling to find low cost energy. Russia's energy dominance in the Atlantic has forced these countries to pay well above global market value for necessary resources. As a worldwide leader in the production of liquefied natural gas (LNG), the U.S. could ease many of their energy problems. Unfortunately, we do not currently have an adequate number of export terminals to send our LNG to our allies overseas.

Lack of export terminals is not a capability issue. There are more than twenty terminal permits waiting for Department of Energy approval, some having been submitted more than two years ago. There is great hope for changes in the near future, however, with the House passing H.R. 6, speeding up exports of natural gas. Moving forward, we need the Senate on board to continue pressing the DOE. With H.R. 6 out of the House's hands, we urge the Senate to continue this movement toward strengthening the United States.

Sincerely,

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