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**To:** LNGStudy  
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**TO: United States Department of Energy**

**RE: LNG Export Study**

As a retired United States Army Colonel and a former Mayor of Kokomo, Indiana I would like to issue this response to the request for comments on the Department of Energy Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Study. Kokomo, Indiana was largely developed as a result of the discovery of natural gas in 1886. Prior to the discovery of this resource, our area economy was based primarily on agriculture; however with the discovery of natural gas Kokomo experienced the type of building boom seldom seen. Our city developed into a manufacturing center for the state of Indiana.

It is my view that the exportation of LNG will also provide economic benefits for the U.S. economy as well as Indiana's economy. Exporting some of America's abundant natural gas to global markets as a great opportunity for jobs, and as a veteran and former mayor, job creation is extremely important to me.

Our economy has suffered over the last several years and we need something that can help boost our economy and create jobs. Our veterans returning from their service for our great nation need to be welcomed home with new opportunities for employment. I am pleased to learn that Indiana has potential as a producer of shale oil/gas. The further development of natural gas and exportation of LNG would be a boost to the state, especially when it is projected that by 2035 Indiana would have as many as 33,366 direct, indirect and induced jobs as a result of this activity and government revenues could be as much as \$721 million.

Indiana is home to companies that supplies Hydraulic fracturing operations as we provide steel for drill casings, chemicals for the fracturing fluid and trucks to move the fluid and silica sand and the natural gas. These businesses would continue to grow and provide jobs, potentially for many of our returning veterans, if exporting LNG is approved.

**As a result of the potential for job creation and the positive impact that has on Indiana's economy, I am in support of the applications for LNG exports.**

Sincerely,

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