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Please find the attached comments from America's Natural Gas Alliance on the 2012 LNG Export Study.

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
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Re: 2012 LNG Export Study

Dear Secretary Chu:

America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA) strongly supports the country's ability to export natural gas. As is the case with any product or commodity, when free trade is allowed to flourish our economy enjoys greater prosperity, our people greater economic benefits, and our workers more and better jobs. Imposing arbitrary limits on free trade, including exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG), would be an economically short-sighted mistake.

Reliable energy will be needed to meet the needs of a growing domestic and global economy. We need cleaner energy and we need abundant and domestic energy to grow our economy and create jobs here at home. North America's abundant supplies of natural gas will be a big part of the supply picture. Our natural gas resource is vast. The shale gas resource has revolutionized the scale and future energy supply in this country.

Because of its abundant supply and world-class capability and infrastructure, the U.S. now has new opportunities to capture significant benefits by both expanding domestic markets and expanding into international markets for natural gas. The recently released Department of Energy (DOE) report on natural gas exports (2012 LNG Export Study) concludes that exporting natural gas, via LNG technology, will generate net economic benefit to the U.S. economy. Economies of scale realized through increased natural gas production and related job creation, revenue, and improved balance of payments from export trade will all accrue from free, open, and transparent markets.

Limits on trade are fundamentally contrary to basic economic principles, as well as longstanding U.S. efforts to expand international trade. Such limits would deny the U.S. opportunities to substantially improve economic growth while creating new jobs and government revenues through new energy resource development.

As the DOE considers and evaluates comments on the 2012 LNG Export Study, ANGA encourages the DOE to consider the full range of benefits which will accrue to the U.S. Those benefits include the enhanced energy security and economic prosperity that will be achieved by supporting the open and free trade of LNG.

ANGA appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments in response to the DOE Office of Fossil Energy request for comments on the 2012 LNG Export Study. ANGA is an educational and advocacy organization dedicated to increasing appreciation for the environmental, economic, and national

security benefits of North American natural gas. ANGA's members include the leading, North American independent natural gas exploration and production companies. The collective natural gas production of the ANGA member companies is approximately nine trillion cubic feet per year, which represents about 40 percent of the total annual U.S. natural gas supply.

Should you have any questions about these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Farrell at 202-789-2642.

Sincerely,

Regina Hopper

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Regina Hopper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

President and CEO
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