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The Honorable Steven Chu Secretary Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I was pleased to see the results of the LNG Export Study conducted by NERA Economic Consulting. As a County Judge in Arkansas, an energy producing state with a long history of oil and gas production, I am very supportive of this opportunity to export natural gas to global markets to generate investment and jobs.

LNG exports are in the geopolitical interest of the United States. Becoming a reliable global supplier of natural gas will allow us to support our allies with a stable and reliable source of natural gas as well as provide needed fuel. The environmental benefits of the increased use of natural gas cannot be understated. The US Energy Information Administration recently determined we have reduced greenhouse gas emissions to 1992 levels specifically because of the increased use of natural gas. With LNG exports, the US will be providing the world with access to a source of cleaner and reliable energy that can help reduce global GHG emissions.

Our state and country would benefit greatly from LNG exports creating a greater demand for additional production and supporting thousands of additional jobs. Pending permit applications for LNG facilities should be approved without delay so we can take advantage of this unique opportunity to create jobs, boost the economy and reduce our trade deficit.

Sincerely,

Jmmy Hart

Conway County Judge

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