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To Whom It May Concern:

The United States produces enough natural gas to meet both domestic and export needs; and increased U.S. natural gas supplies could deliver greater geopolitical stability and national security, according to West Virginia Governor Earl Ray Tomblin's comments on the 2012 LNG Export Study.

The 2012 LNG Export Study concludes, "GDP also increases as a result of LNG exports. The most dramatic changes are in the short term, when investment in liquefaction capacity adds to export revenues and tolling charges to grow GDP." Additionally, an America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA) report on the economic impacts of shale gas estimates approximately 32,000 total jobs are supported throughout the economy for every 1 billion cubic feet per day of shale gas production.

According to NERA, the U.S. is a leader in natural gas production. Although NERA used the Energy Information Administration (EIA) 2011 Annual Energy Outlook from 2011, both the 2011 data and the latest data from the EIA 2013 Annual Energy Outlook confirm that the U.S. has abundant natural gas resources to supply the domestic market with affordable supplies of natural gas, while also enabling the nation to accrue significant economic benefits from exporting supplies of LNG.

As I stated in my previous comments, LNG exports will not only drive additional production, but also support thousands of additional jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction, and operation of the export infrastructure, as well as others indirectly along the equipment supply chain. These jobs will provide a much needed opportunity, especially for many veterans who have served this great country.

Sincerely,

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