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This is in reply to the comments submitted by Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor, State of West Virginia during the initial Comment Period ending January 25, 2013 on the 2012 LNG Export Study.

I concur with Governor Tomblin's comments that the report concludes that each LNG export scenario reviewed by the study resulted in "net economic benefits" for the United States. In my view, it is without question that the construction and operation of LNG export terminals and increased exploration and production activity will support thousands of jobs and billions in investment for our nation. I am hopeful this will mean more jobs for our veterans who have fought to preserve our freedom.

I also support Governor Tomblin's comments that the global opportunity for U.S. natural gas supplies could deliver greater geopolitical stability and national security. As a veteran, our national security is of utmost importance to me. Anything we can do to stabilize world energy markets with U.S. natural gas, in my view would make global economies less reliant on Russia or OPEC for energy needs.

Therefore, I respectfully urge you to approve without delay the pending export project permits. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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