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I would like to thank you for this opportunity to respond to the DOE NERA Export Study

My name is Tom Tupa and I am a retired North Dakota resident. I have lived in ND all my life with the exception of 3 years of active Army duty during the late '60s. I have also seen many changes occur in the state particularly the most recent energy boom that is a huge benefit to the state and the country as a whole. It is my strong belief that allowing LNG exports will help increase our nation's economy and our national security.

As stated by several elected officials around the country, "LNG exports will result in net economic benefits for the US generating thousands of new jobs and billions in investment and GDP growth".

The NERA study found that the US GDP would increase by 5 to 20 billion dollars as a result of LNG exports. LNG exports would likely drive additional natural gas production creating thousands of additional good paying jobs from engineering to construction.

Governor Beebe and others have stated that "LNG exports would also stabilize world energy markets and reduce reliance on countries such as Russia and OPEC". It is important for us to lessen our dependence on others and to become more independent in our energy production.

The NERA LNG Export Study found that the affects on our economy will be positive and I strongly encourage the DOE to quickly approve the LNG Export applications currently being considered.

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