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Mr. Anderson:

Attached please find a letter of support from the Calvert County, Maryland, Board of County Commissioners regarding a study recently released on the macroeconomic impact of liquefied natural gas.

I act as the point of contact for the utility industry on behalf of the board. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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January 8, 2013

Mr. John Anderson
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
Office of Fossil Energy
Washington, DC 20026-4375

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Calvert County Board of Commissioners would like to express our support of the study recently conducted by the National Economic Research Associates (NERA) on the macroeconomic impacts of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) export. This study confirms what we have long felt to be true, which is exporting LNG from the United States will greatly benefit our Country.

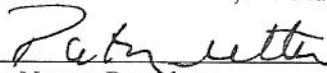
This comprehensive report looks at a wide range of supply and demand scenarios in an effort to examine the economic impacts of LNG export at nearly any scale. We are encouraged to see the study has found that exporting LNG, under any of these possible scenarios, will result in positive economic benefits for the U.S.

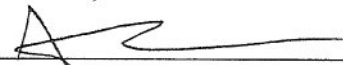
As our Country continues the journey towards a full economic recovery, this burgeoning industry could provide much needed support by creating jobs, improving our national trade balance, and generating economic activity that will ripple across the entire nation. As other countries with abundant shale gas work tirelessly to duplicate the success we have had with natural gas production, the U.S. should move quickly to maintain the healthy advantages we currently possess over those that wish to compete in the global supply market.

We appreciate the Department's close attention to this matter and understand the need for careful economic analysis before making decisions related to LNG export. However, we believe the findings in this study warrant immediate action, and we respectfully urge the Department of Energy to continue its review of LNG export applications to non-Free Trade Countries as soon as possible.

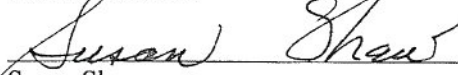
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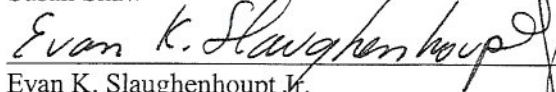
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