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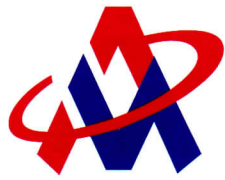
Please find attached comments regarding the 2012 LNG Export Study prepared by George Clark, President of Manufacture Alabama on behalf of the association.

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TO: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
RE: LNG EXPORT STUDY

On behalf of Manufacture Alabama, I commend the Department of Energy for commissioning the NERA Economic Consulting study on the impacts of liquefied natural gas exporting.

Manufacture Alabama is Alabama's only trade association representing exclusively the competitive, legislative and related interests of manufacturers. Manufacture Alabama represents hundreds of companies in a wide range of industries including chemical, energy, pulp and paper, shipbuilding, and steel. Our members share common interests and goals and face common competitive challenges in today's tough global marketplace. Some of our members are among the nation's largest, most recognized corporations. Many are mid-sized or small family-owned manufacturers or manufacturing suppliers and vendors. All of them are vital parts of a manufacturing base crucial to Alabama's and the nation's economy and job base.

Manufacture Alabama strongly supports domestic energy production throughout our state and this nation. America has benefited from the developments in shale gas and Alabama has potential future developments in our state including the Chattanooga, Conasauga, Floyd and the Neal shale formations.

Manufacture Alabama supports free market principles and has opposed proposals pitting one industry sector against another such as providing federal subsidies that could artificially inflate demand. Natural gas has enormous potential to renew and grow the manufacturing industry and the U.S. economy at large, creating jobs and more exports of manufactured goods. Exports have been and continue to be a critical source of growth and opportunity for manufacturers in Alabama and throughout the United States, and liquefied natural gas exports are no exception.

The NERA report's findings show that allowing overseas sales of LNG would only further strengthen the natural gas industry and our nation's economy. For example, the NERA report noted that exports "will improve the U.S. balance of trade," and could also promote a "wealth transfer" into this country, as foreign capital may help support construction of infrastructure such as liquefaction plants needed for exports. Additional sales could provide a new outlet for domestic production and prevent dramatic downturns in drilling when domestic supply outstrips demand. This will help keep natural gas available and affordable for manufacturers and other consumers in Alabama and across the nation.

Manufacture Alabama urges the Department of Energy to move forward with pending export applications.

Sincerely,

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