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To Whom It May Concern,

I'm writing to express great concern over the recent Department of Energy report highlighting the possibility of increased US natural gas exports. The study arrives at a time at which the natural gas industry is developing at a frantic pace in the United States, outstripping attempts by many legislators at the local, state and federal level to impose reasonable health and safety regulations on new natural gas technology such as hydrofracking. Meanwhile, additional oil and gas development is often justified by its stakeholders with the claim that natural gas offers to increase American energy independence by providing us with a long-term and abundant domestic fuel source, allowing us to rely less on dwindling foreign oil sources.

To acknowledge the United States dependence on foreign oil is to acknowledge that we are in the midst of a resource management crisis. Our population and energy needs are continually growing, and with oil reserves dwindling worldwide, we will inevitably be faced with the need to rely on alternative fuel sources sooner rather than later. The natural gas industry has made lofty claims regarding the potential of natural gas to secure America's energy needs for as long as a century, but at the same time the industry has moved toward exporting a large portion of this gas and depleting these reserves more rapidly. This evidences an unwillingness to carefully conserve a crucial energy resource and may jeopardize our ability to manager our energy needs in the future.

I strongly encourage the Department of Energy to greatly restrict exportation of American natural gas, allowing us to preserve our resources as long as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

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