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To Whom It May Concern:

As a United States Veteran, I am writing today in support of the applications for LNG exports. I was pleased to read the recent report by NERA which found that natural gas exports would have significant benefits for the U.S. economy extending far beyond the natural gas industry. For years, I have been outspoken in favor of energy independence and believe this is a step in the right direction.

I read that based on EIA's latest Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release report, natural gas production levels are 15% higher. Because the U.S. produces enough natural gas to meet both domestic and export needs, LNG exports will provide our country with the opportunity to not only meet our needs here in the States but they will also allow our country to profit by selling incremental volumes of natural gas.

Additionally, an America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA) report on the economic impacts of shale gas estimates approximately 32,000 total jobs are supported throughout the economy for every 1 billion cubic feet per day of shale gas production, which means exports will not only drive additional production, but also support thousands of additional jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction, and operation of the export infrastructure, as well as others indirectly along the equipment supply chain. The report concludes that "the benefits that come from export expansion more than outweigh the losses from reduced capital and wage income to U.S. consumers, and hence LNG exports have net economic benefits in spite of higher natural gas prices." This is exactly the outcome that economic theory describes when barriers to trade are removed and the U.S. will be able to take one step closer to energy independence and job creation. I appreciate the opportunity to provide you with comments, and thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,
Commander Tom Garcia
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