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To Whom It May Concern:

Please see the attached letter from Daniel C. Colantone, CCE, President & CEO of the Greater Akron Chamber in regards to the 2012 LNE Export Study.

Regards,

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January 24, 2013

Dr. Steven Chu  
Secretary  
Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave. SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

On behalf of the over 1,800 members of the Greater Akron Chamber, I write in support of the recent NERA Economic Consulting Report commissioned by the Department of Energy, which provides support to the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The state of Ohio's rich abundance of natural resources has been a longtime contributor to the nation's energy supply-chain. Through the recent exploration and discovery in both the Utica and Marcellus shale deposits in the eastern portion of Ohio, the state stands poised to continue in providing abundant and affordable energy sources such as natural gas for domestic and international consumption.

As a regional economic development organization, we recognize the lucrative potential that the opportunity of exporting LNG provides as indicated in the study. The exportation of LNG will have not only a net positive benefit for the State of Ohio, but for the country as a whole; when the national economy realizes gains, the ripple effect is profound.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel C. Colantone". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel C. Colantone, CCE  
President & CEO