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Chairman Lisa Murkowski
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Discussion Draft - Strategic Energy for America Act of 2019

Dear Chairman Murkowski:

Thank you for recognizing the importance of fuel and technology neutrality in development bank financing decisions and the leadership role that the United States Treasury must play in ensuring sound long-term energy investment decisions.

Development bank investment policies are taking shape around the world that narrow investment decisions based on fuel type, despite the mindboggling pace of technological change and innovation. Sound, long-term investment decisions are appropriately based on a variety of factors that are often unique to each circumstance. Policies that drive investment toward a narrow set of fuels or technologies are the energy equivalent of putting all our eggs in one basket.

Meeting the diverse, growing energy needs around the world will take innovative, tailored solutions that are as varied as the people and the needs of the different communities around the world. Policies that prohibit, restrict or impede investment based on fuel type wed consumers to today’s technology for decades and ultimately undercut future market responses essential to economic growth.

Thank you again for bringing forward an actionable alternative to the needlessly narrow energy investment path that is being mapped by development banks around the world.

Sincerely,

Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA)
Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG)

The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Founded in 1965, NGSA is the only national trade association that solely focuses on producer-marketer issues related to the downstream natural gas industry. NGSA maintains a deep focus on the regulatory issues that affect natural gas producer-marketers and has been involved in a substantive manner in every one of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s significant natural gas rulemakings since FERC’s creation in 1977. For more information, please visit www.ngsa.org.

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