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NGSA Statement on State of the Union Address

(Washington, D.C.) -- Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) president and CEO Dena E. Wiggins made the following statement about President Obama's State of the Union address last night:

"For a fourth consecutive year, the President's State of the Union address acknowledged the importance of natural gas to our country. Abundant natural gas supply has been a continuing bright spot for the U.S. economy and key to the rebirth of American manufacturing and hundreds of thousands of jobs. Increased use of natural gas in recent years helped reduce U.S. carbon dioxide emissions to their lowest levels in decades and will continue to play a critical role in meeting our carbon reduction goals.

"There is indeed a pressing need for expanding our infrastructure, including streamlined permitting of pipelines and facilities for exporting LNG. These will strengthen our economy by creating jobs, and relieve constraints in regions that use natural gas.

"Although we welcome the President's appreciation for natural gas, we are disappointed in the Administration's intention to use a regulatory approach to lowering the industry's methane emissions. New regulations are unnecessary in light of the deep inroads that natural gas suppliers and producers already have made into reducing emissions through a voluntary, market-based approach that yielded a 25 percent reduction in emissions over the same period that production increased by 35 percent. The natural gas industry is committed to continuing those reductions and that commitment is reinforced through market mechanisms that encourage methane to be captured and used.

Greater use of natural gas can yield tremendous benefits to our economy and environment, but these can only be realized without unnecessary regulations that slow infrastructure and responsible development."

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Established in 1965, NGSA encourages the use of natural gas within a balanced national energy policy, and promotes the benefits of competitive markets, thus encouraging increased supply and the reliable and efficient delivery of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit www.ngsa.org and www.naturalgas.org.

More information on the economic benefits and jobs created through natural gas [here](#).