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Natural Gas Role in Job Creation Should Be Part of State of the Union

(Washington, D.C.) -- As President Obama prepares to deliver his State of the Union address to Congress, the companies that supply the nation's natural gas are calling on the president to include natural gas as a critical part of his agenda, because of the ability of this abundant American resource to create jobs and fuel the economy while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

In a statement, Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) president and CEO R. Skip Horvath said:

We urge the President to remember that natural gas is not only an environmental solution, it is an economic solution for our country. The natural gas industry employs several million people today in the United States and is poised to grow and create added jobs as more power plants, homes, businesses and factories turn to clean natural gas. Those jobs create revenue in addition to the billions of dollars the natural gas industry already generates for state and federal government through royalties and taxes.

Natural gas is a versatile, bountiful American resource that reduces greenhouse gases. We must tap into all our energy sources, including fossil fuels, to achieve economic growth. Natural gas adds to the reliability of solar and wind and, like solar and wind, it is a sustainable and responsible choice on its own. We urge President Obama to recognize the potential of natural gas to contribute to the nation's economic recovery, job growth and overall energy security.

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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 to ensure reliable and efficient transportation and delivery of natural gas and to increase the supply of natural gas to U.S. customers. For more information, please visit

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