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### **NGSA Statement on State of the Union Address**

(Washington, D.C.) -- President Obama acknowledged that natural gas is important to achieving the nation's economic and environmental goals in his State of the Union address to Congress last night.

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

"The President's State of the Union address underscored the importance of natural gas to our country. Whether the President was talking about the revival of U.S. manufacturing, the reduction of greenhouse gases or lower energy bills, abundant natural gas supply has been the cornerstone of all of the above accomplishments, just as natural gas is a critical part of the Administration's "all of the above" approach to energy policy.

"We appreciate the President's pledge to speed up permits for drilling on public land and his intention to use research and technology to help natural gas become even cleaner. We urge caution in tax proposals that impact natural gas so that our industry can continue to stimulate job growth. Natural gas has fueled hundreds of thousands of jobs in our own industry and tens of thousands in the manufacturing sector. Conservatively, there are 50 major multi-billion dollar manufacturing facilities that are projected to be constructed, expanded or re-opened by 2018 in large part because of plentiful, affordable natural gas. Economic growth is intertwined with the future of natural gas."

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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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