

April 28, 2014

The Honorable Chairman Fred Upton
The Honorable Ranking Member Henry Waxman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman and Ranking Member:

The Natural Gas Supply Association fully supports efforts in the House to expedite the approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports from the United States.

As President Obama's former Secretary of Energy Steven Chu said in 2012, "Exporting natural gas means wealth comes into the United States," and as former U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan (D-North Dakota) stated in testimony before the House last year, "Expanded exports will improve the U.S. balance of trade, support local and regional economies, and increase the U.S. presence in global energy markets – and do so without harm to the environment or to U.S. consumers and businesses."

Their comments are echoed in studies conducted on behalf of the Department of Energy, as well as numerous other studies and reports issued by diverse groups such as the Bipartisan Policy Center, the American Council for Capitol Formation, the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council, the Brookings Institute, and the Heritage Foundation.

On behalf of NGSA's member companies, who produce and supply approximately one-third of the natural gas used in the United States, I hope this information is helpful. If you, or your staff, have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dena Wiggins, President and CEO Natural Gas Supply Association