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**Dena E. Wiggins**  
President and CEO

To Members of the Senate Energy Committee

The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA), representing major integrated and independent companies that produce and market approximately one-third of the natural gas used in the United States, fully supports S. 33, The LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act. This legislation to expedite the existing lengthy approval process for liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports from the United States will remove barriers that delay the export of natural gas while spurring additional American jobs, bringing in revenues that will boost the the U.S. economy and enabling America to benefit from our incredible natural gas resource base.

U.S. marketed natural gas production surpassed all-time record levels in 2011 and has continued to grow by leaps and bounds in ensuing years. In fact, the United States now leads the world in natural gas production. Increased production has paved the way for U.S. economic growth and energy security, while also enabling the United States to achieve its lowest carbon emissions in 20 years in 2012. LNG export capability provides a long-term signal for U.S. natural gas producers to continue this natural gas supply growth. The last decade has demonstrated the natural gas producing industry's ability to rapidly increase production. If demand for U.S. natural gas grows rapidly because of exports and expansion of manufacturing and power users, U.S. supply will meet that demand.

Economic analyses commissioned by the Department of Energy and conducted by the National Economic Research Associates have chronicled the economic benefits that would result from increased levels of LNG exports, including improvements to the U.S. balance of trade, support for local and regional economies here at home, and greater U.S. presence in global energy markets.

On behalf of NGSA's member companies, we urge you to support legislation to streamline the approval process for LNG exports.

Sincerely,

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Natural Gas Supply Association

**Clean Natural Gas: Smart, Secure and Essential**