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### **NGSA Says Natural Gas Council Letter to Senate on Permitting Reform Shows Need for Action**

(Washington, D.C.) – The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) issued the following statement today about the Natural Gas Council’s [letter](#) to leaders of the Senate committees involved in energy infrastructure.

**Dena Wiggins, President and CEO of NGSA,** said:

“There is frustration across the entire energy industry with infrastructure permitting. Years of delays have hindered projects already struggling with a permitting process that leaves stakeholders without any ability to predict how or when the process may eventually end.

“In the case of natural gas, both consumption and production of natural gas reached all-time highs in the U.S. last year. Yet we added the lowest amount of natural gas pipeline capacity on record -- less than 1 billion cubic feet (Bcf). There is a fundamental disconnect between market realities and the permitting process.

“The biggest hostages to the process are really consumers, who end up paying more for their energy because of infrastructure delays; grid reliability, which is at risk during extreme weather when it’s most critical; and our net-zero future, which relies on cooperation and integration of many energy sources. We have only to look at our European allies’ need for U.S. LNG since the Ukraine invasion to appreciate the importance of natural gas infrastructure.

“We are raising our voices as part of the Natural Gas Council in support of the policy changes spelled out in the attached letter.”

For more information, please visit [NGSA.org](http://NGSA.org)’s [Outlook for Natural Gas](#) pages.

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The Natural Gas Supply Association (NGSA) represents integrated and independent companies that supply natural gas. Founded in 1965, NGSA is the only national trade association that solely focuses on producer-marketer issues related to the downstream natural gas industry. NGSA advocates for well-functioning markets that foster a growing, competitive market for natural gas. NGSA is dedicated to achieving a cleaner future through strong partnerships with renewables and supporting innovative technologies and market solutions that reduce emissions. For more information, please visit [www.ngsa.org](http://www.ngsa.org).

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