



November 30, 2015

The Honorable Paul D. Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of America's Natural Gas Alliance and the American Petroleum Institute, we write to express our strong support of H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015. In particular, we support the natural gas export provisions of the measure, based on H.R. 351, the LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act, which the House passed by a bipartisan vote of 277 to 133 in January of this year. We also support the recently-added Title V, National Energy Security Corridors section, based on H.R. 2295, bipartisan legislation aimed at responsible natural gas pipeline permitting.

H.R. 8 includes a streamlined process for natural gas export projects before the Department of Energy which will accelerate America's rise as a world-class exporter of natural gas, create U.S. jobs, grow our economy, and significantly strengthen the global energy market. In addition, expediting the free trade of natural gas from America will help enhance our national security interests and bolster our global allies' independence from nations that would use their energy resources as a diplomatic and economic weapon.

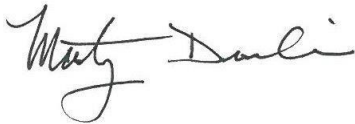
Technological breakthroughs in the oil and natural gas industry have unleashed an energy renaissance, establishing the United States as the world's largest natural gas producer. We have enough natural gas to both supply affordable energy domestically and significantly increase U.S. participation in the global market for LNG. The LNG exports provision provides the Department of Energy with a meaningful deadline to make decisions on pending applications that have completed the extensive environmental review process. Advancing this legislation will institute greater certainty into the LNG exports permitting process thereby accelerating investment in the U.S. economy and strengthening our strategic alliances abroad.

Title V provides the Secretary of the Interior with the authority to approve rights-of-way and issue permits for natural gas pipelines on National Park Service lands. The Secretary already has this authority on other federal lands, and thus, this title will provide consistency to the federal lands permitting process. The provision also provides the Secretary with the authority to designate 10 National Energy Security Corridors through federal land, which is also not a new concept. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave the Department of Interior the ability to designate National Energy Security Corridors in the 11 contiguous Western states. The corridor designation doesn't change the NEPA process currently required for building a pipeline.

Since 2005, natural gas production in the United States has increased 42 percent, and the U.S. Energy Information Administration projects a 39 percent increase in total natural gas production from 2014 to 2040. The government can help capture the promise of the energy renaissance for all Americans by supporting responsible infrastructure development. A recent IHS study estimates investments in building, maintaining and updating the oil and gas industry's transportation and storage infrastructure could support up to 1.15 million jobs on an average annual basis through 2025, and study after study agrees that expanding our export opportunities will create jobs, strengthen our economy, and enhance our national and energy security.

As this legislation moves forward, ANGA and API strongly encourage the U.S. House of Representatives to support H.R. 8, the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015, and oppose any efforts to undermine or stall America's future growth as an energy superpower.

Sincerely,



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