



June 9, 2015

The Honorable Tom MacArthur
506 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cedric Richmond
240 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives MacArthur and Richmond:

GPA is the leading organization advocating for and representing midstream operations. GPA has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921 as a non-profit trade association composed of 122 midstream energy companies that are engaged in the gathering and processing of natural gas into merchantable pipeline gas, commonly referred to in the industry as “midstream activities.” Such processing includes the removal of impurities from the raw gas stream produced at the wellhead, as well as the extraction for sale of natural gas liquid products (NGLs) such as ethane, propane, butane and natural gasoline. GPA members account for more than 90 percent of the NGLs produced in the United States from natural gas processing. Gathering lines are the essential mode of transportation for GPA members operations that represent at least 85,197 direct jobs. GPA members processed approximately 50 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas in 2013, produced 937,591,000 barrels of NGLs in 2013, and own or operate at least 470 natural gas processing plants in the United States.

We want to thank you for your leadership on H.R. 2295, the *National Energy Security Corridors Act*. The bill provides the Secretary of the Interior with the authority to negotiate rights-of-way for natural gas pipelines on National Park Service lands, which are currently exempt under the Mineral Leasing Act. The bill also provides the Secretary of the Interior with the authority to designate National Energy Security Corridors on federal lands for the purpose of issuing streamlined permits for rights-of-way on such corridors. Both of these actions will help provide clarity and stop needless delays in the permitting process while our natural gas infrastructure is developed.

Thank you for your efforts on H.R. 2295, which GPA strongly supports.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sutton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Sutton" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Sutton

GPA President and CEO