



March 23, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20050

Dear Mr. President:

As trade associations representing companies that produce, transport, and deliver American natural gas across this country and around the world, we support your Administration's recent actions to hold Russia accountable for its aggression against Ukraine. Russia's horrifying, unprovoked, and unjustifiable attack on Ukraine has precipitated a global crisis and cannot go unanswered. We support your ban on imports of Russian oil, liquefied natural gas, and coal and agree that it was necessary for the United States to take this step even when others cannot, given that the U.S. is the leading oil and natural gas producer in the world.

Our industry looks forward to engaging with you and your Administration to examine how we can guarantee sufficient resources are available to deter supply shortages now and into the future. Working together, we believe the natural gas industry will be key to helping this nation and our allies continue on the path to meeting both vital climate goals and critical energy reliability needs during this time of global turmoil as well as to support energy investment in the future. As U.S. Secretary of Energy Granholm recognized, "the U.S. government has always partnered with the energy industry in times of need. For over a hundred years, the oil and gas industry has powered our nation and gotten us where we are today."

This partnership between the U.S. government and our industry has yielded substantial benefits for the American people and our allies abroad, but significant work remains to achieve your Administration's goal of ensuring that natural gas supply can keep up with domestic and global demand. In addition to encouraging supply increases to meet today's challenges, it is also essential to ensure that there is adequate natural gas infrastructure—including Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminals and pipelines—so natural gas supply can reach those who need it the most both at home and abroad.

Currently, there are 17 applications for additional U.S. LNG capacity pending approval at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), with 14 of those applications also awaiting approval at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Additionally, 15 applications for major onshore natural gas pipeline projects are pending before FERC. While we were encouraged by DOE's recent actions to expedite approval of two applications to increase volumes at currently operating LNG facilities, we urge you to also push for expedited approval of the remaining pending applications at FERC and DOE, and with other federal permitting agencies; thereby allowing the United States to continue strengthening its powerful global position on energy.

Research has shown and experts agree that as we continue on our path to a lower emissions future and aim for net-zero emissions by 2050, natural gas will play a critical role in meeting those targets. Not only does natural gas generation support growth of intermittent renewable resources, it can also ease rising costs for consumers while guaranteeing reliable energy they need and want through this transition. The expedited approval of these natural gas pipeline, storage, and LNG projects, along with continued

investment in the production of natural gas, are vital as we work towards the cleaner energy future we all want while continuing to support our allies as the war in Ukraine rages on.

As Secretary Granholm said, the Government and industry will “only be able to meet these challenges of oil and gas supply and climate change by working together.” We agree. The natural gas industry is undoubtedly part of the solution, and we look forward to productive engagement with your administration.

We stand ready to meet with you to discuss how we can collaborate to advance all of our shared goals.

Sincerely,



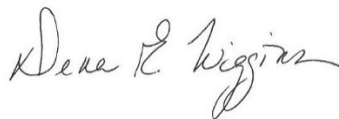
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