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President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
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Dear Mr. President,

The NATO Alliance is the most successful political alliance in history, ensuring that freedom, prosperity and security endures in all of our nations. Those hard-won gains are under threat now from a variety of actors, including aggressive dictatorships, rogue states, and regional and international terrorist groups.

The free world must stand together, to ensure our continued security and resilience against these external threats. In today's geopolitical environment, that security and resilience extends far beyond military strength. It includes mastering new technologies, protecting financial institutions, and ensuring security of future energy supplies.

The Russian invasion and occupation of Ukraine has tested all of these elements, and more. It is a source of great pride for us all that Europe and the United States have stood firm together in the face of this new geopolitical instability.

Fundamental to this successful resilience, was the ability of European nations to dramatically reduce reliance on Russian sources of energy, following the invasion. Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports from the United States were essential to this process: supply has increased by over 140% since 2021, and in 2023 alone 60 per cent of all US LNG exports were bound for European markets (European Union and the United Kingdom). The transition of European nations away from Russian gas to a dependable and secure supply of U.S. LNG represents one of the greatest advances for Western energy security in modern times.

This is not a one-way street. U.S. businesses and workers have benefited greatly from the increased revenues and investments and will continue to do so as long-term contracts and infrastructure are now being put into place, to lock in the benefits of this mutually beneficial energy cooperation for decades to come.

It is therefore a source of great regret and concern that your Administration has recently announced a pause on permit approvals for LNG facilities. This decision could have significant negative impacts on European energy security in the coming years and decades. The Western world cannot stay ahead of our adversaries simply by standing still and hoping that our cooperation today will suffice for the future. It will not. We must plan ahead, expand our cooperation in energy and other fields, and prepare ourselves for the challenges of the future.

Current and future shipments of LNG to the EU and the UK – including new LNG facilities to meet future demand – are now an essential element for meeting the security challenges faced by the Western alliance. The decision not to allow permits to proceed undermines America's allies,

and the Western order more broadly, and will give succour to our adversaries and those who wish to divide us. We urge you to reconsider.

Sincerely,

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