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Chairman Ed Whitfield  
Subcommittee on Energy and Power  
Rayburn House Office Building

Re: U.S. Energy Abundance: Exports and the Changing Global Energy Landscape

Dear Chairman Whitfield,

Regrettably, I am unable to attend today's hearing. However, I do wish to express my support for the Department of Energy moving expeditiously to approve the construction of new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals to allow US produced natural gas to reach additional export markets.

As stated in my previous letter, I have witnessed personally the direct and indirect jobs created by natural gas production in the Youngstown region, jobs that are critical for our local and state economies. It has already created more than 38,000 jobs in Ohio, and is expected to create more than 143,000 by 2025, strengthening our economies and improving the tax base. As mayor of a city with a shrinking tax base, these jobs are critical to sustaining the basic services that our citizens deserve, such as police and fire safety. Concurrently, sustainable natural gas prices will benefit the domestic manufacturing sector and continue to maintain affordable home energy prices and support our transportation needs.

Thank you for your consideration of my views and for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. I urge your support for an expedited approval process for LNG export which will provide critical support for an industry that stands to benefit workers and consumers in the Youngstown region, throughout Ohio, and across the country.

Humbly Submitted,

Charles P. Sammarone,  
Mayor