

March 18, 2024

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary of Energy  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Granholm:

As state and local chambers representing thousands of businesses of all sizes, we have significant concerns with the administration's recent moratorium on liquefied natural gas (LNG) export license reviews. Simply stated, the administration's action undermines economic growth and environmental progress while betraying America's commitment to bolster the security of our allies during a period of rising global instability.

Thanks to our abundance of domestic energy resources, America has surpassed Russia and Qatar, respectively, as the world's leading natural gas producer and exporter. This historic transformation is a clear win-win-win—lowering prices for U.S. consumers, reducing emissions here and abroad, and delivering energy security to our closest allies.

In the immediate aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, President Biden rightly promised our allies that America would be a reliable energy partner in their effort to eliminate dependence on Russian imports of natural gas, emphasizing that the effort could be implemented without undermining shared climate goals.<sup>1</sup> U.S. LNG exports came to Europe's rescue, staving off a global energy crisis and helping the continent meet its energy needs. Unfortunately, the freeze on new export approvals has left European and Asian allies wondering if the United States can be trusted as a reliable, long-term partner to provide the energy supplies necessary to underpin their own economic and national security.

At the same time, America's plentiful natural gas reserves provide a clear economic advantage for American families and businesses. For example, International Energy Agency data shows that in 2022, natural gas prices for U.S. manufacturers were 70 percent lower than competitors in Germany, while households paid 58 percent less. Meanwhile, the trade value of U.S. LNG exports in the last three years alone has exceeded \$100 billion, supporting thousands of jobs.

Moreover, thanks to natural gas, America continues to lead the world in emissions reductions. With innovation and ambitious commitments from U.S. energy producers to reduce methane emissions throughout the value chain, the environmental footprint of natural gas is getting cleaner still. We should export this environmental success story around the world, not block it.

Creating uncertainty for new LNG exports sends the wrong signals to energy markets and will have a chilling effect on the financing, investment and business environment for the broader natural gas industry. This permitting freeze jeopardizes global energy security, the economy, and global climate progress, all of which are vital to our nation and our partners abroad. It's in the public interest to reverse course, lift the moratorium, and again enable free enterprise to deliver for our citizens and the world.

Sincerely,

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Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce  
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Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Houston Partnership  
Greater Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Tomball Area Chamber of  
Commerce  
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Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce  
Longview TX Chamber of Commerce  
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