



July 27, 2015

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Maria Cantwell
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Cantwell:

On behalf of America's Natural Gas Alliance and the American Petroleum Institute, we write to express our strong support for Sections 2201 and Section 2202 of the Energy Policy and Modernization Act of 2015 (the "Act"). Originally introduced by Senators Barrasso and Heinrich as the LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act (S. 33), these provisions provide a streamlined process for natural gas export projects before the Department of Energy. This bill will accelerate America's rise as a world-class exporter of natural gas, creating U.S. jobs, growing our economy, and significantly strengthening the global energy market.

Technological breakthroughs in the oil and natural gas industry have unleashed an energy renaissance, establishing the United States as the world's largest natural gas producer. We have enough natural gas to supply affordable energy domestically as well as to significantly increase U.S. participation in the global market for liquefied natural gas (LNG). The Act provides the Department of Energy a meaningful deadline to make decisions on pending applications that have completed the extensive environmental review process. Advancing this legislation will institute greater certainty into the LNG exports permitting process thereby accelerating investment in the U.S. economy and strengthening our strategic alliances abroad.

Since the beginning of 2005, natural gas production in the United States has increased 41 percent. The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects a 48 percent increase in total natural gas production from 2010 to 2035, and study after study agrees that expanding our export opportunities will create jobs, strengthen our economy, and enhance our national and energy security. We appreciate the leadership of Senators Barrasso and Heinrich and the bipartisan co-sponsors of S. 33 and applaud the Committee for its inclusion of these policies in the Act. As this legislation moves forward, ANGA and API strongly encourage members of the Committee to support the language as introduced and oppose any efforts to undermine or stall America's future growth as an energy superpower.

Please contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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