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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

**EXPRESSING EEIA'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT
(H.R. 351)**

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

As the President and CEO of the Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance (EEIA), I am writing to voice our organization's strong support for HR 361, *The LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act*. The legislation will accelerate consideration of pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export applications by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Department of Energy. The resulting new exports will drive major economic benefits to American businesses and workers who comprise shale energy supply chain throughout the nation.

EEIA represents the vast community of tens of thousands of locally-based contractor, equipment, materials and service businesses that support shale gas and oil operations. Our members expand their businesses, employ skilled workers locally for well-paying jobs, and pay taxes in their communities, to support the greatly increased new work involved in supplying construction, equipment, materials, services and logistics to firms that produce, process, store, transport and export natural gas from shale.

Our analysis indicates that in 2015, projected natural gas production from shale of more than 44 billion cubic feet per day (bcf/d), accompanied by annual upstream capital expenditures of more than \$66 billion required to maintain this increase in production, will have created more than 515,000 jobs with energy supply chain companies throughout the United States. Even before considering the new production for export that H.R. 351 would facilitate, projected shale gas production growth to almost 60 bcf/d by 2020 will be accompanied by an additional \$34 billion of annual capital expenditures, along with another 150,000 new supply chain jobs, or a ratio of approximately 10,000 jobs for each new bcf/d. Thus the construction of new LNG export terminals envisioned by pending applications will cause increased production that will create thousands of new American jobs. For example, if an additional 10 bcf/d of LNG capacity is permitted and built, 100,000 new jobs with energy industry suppliers throughout the country would result.

Therefore the members of the Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance (EEIA) urge strong, bipartisan support for the passage of H.R. 351. The additional natural gas production needed to meet the resulting new exports will create many tens of thousands of well-paying, permanent American jobs throughout the energy supply chain.

Please act to approve H.R. 351 in the interest of American workers, businesses, and overall American economic growth. Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Mack', with a stylized, cursive script.

Toby Mack
President and CEO
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