



# National Association of Waterfront Employers

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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman, Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Henry Waxman  
Ranking Member, Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

Today we write to you to voice our support for H.R. 6, which expedites approval of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

With approximately 15 percent of our nation's gross domestic product flowing through U.S. ports annually, National Association of Waterfront Employers (NAWE) members represent the critical American workforce that fuels the U.S. and world economy. The cargo that we move through every major port in the U.S. is driving regional economic growth, employing millions of workers, and increasing the standard of living. This workforce exists largely in response to international commerce, and will benefit from expanded production of domestic natural gas and export of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

House bill H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act, fixes unnecessary restrictions on international commerce related to U.S. energy exports. We support the swift, bipartisan approval of this legislation in order to move a step closer to the huge boon energy exports could provide our member companies for years to come. The resurgent domestic energy industry has generated substantial volumes of cargo shipment, and we expect that the expanded export of LNG will further strengthen port activity and grow economic activity at our members' terminals.

Port activities support job creation in every state and virtually every industry sector. Longshore workers employed by NAWE members are the highest paid blue collar workers in the nation. Increased exports will expand these high-quality jobs. Multiple macroeconomic studies highlight the economic growth potential from LNG exports. Most recent reports show that LNG exports could add between 73,100 and 452,300 jobs in the U.S. by 2035. Previous studies have found that LNG exports could contribute up to \$20 billion to the U.S. economy in 2018 and as much

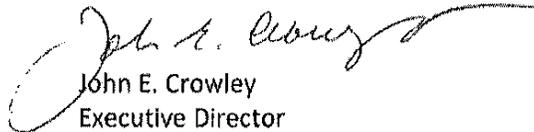


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as \$86 billion in 2038. It would be irresponsible for our Representatives to ignore the substantial benefits these exports will bring their constituents – including our members.

NAWE member companies support the elimination of arbitrary restrictions impeding expansion of our international trade and our economic growth. H.R. 6 offers a necessary solution. We believe expanding and expediting LNG export applications is consistent with the public interest by creating high quality jobs and supporting international commerce by opening additional markets for our abundant resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Crowley".

John E. Crowley  
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Edward Whitfield  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Energy & Power  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Bobby Rush  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy & Power  
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