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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I am writing to express our support of H.R. 351, "The LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act," introduced by Congressman Bill Johnson. This legislation would amend the Natural Gas Act by creating and enforcing the necessary deadlines for the Department of Energy (DOE) when making decisions to approve or deny applications to export liquefied natural gas (LNG).

H.R. 351 would require the DOE to approve or deny an application for the exportation of LNG no later than 30 days after receiving a completed application for either the construction of an LNG terminal, or the conversion of a current LNG terminal into a LNG import/export facility.

LIUNA has seen immense growth in work hours associated with natural gas pipeline construction. There is an extraordinary amount of infrastructure work to be done in order to meet America's energy needs and to meet our ability to export LNG. Our members committed to building America's energy infrastructure and will benefit from this tremendous growth in the natural gas sector.

According to a study from ICF International, just one LNG export terminal could create nearly $11 million in tax revenue annually for federal, state, and local governments. Total revenue from a single export facility could generate upwards of $25 billion over a 30 year time frame. LNG exports are estimated to create between 73,100 and 452,300 jobs from 2016 to 2035.

With this rapid rise in both demand and production, LNG exports will significantly reduce our trade deficit, boost our economy, and create tens of thousands of jobs.

I urge you to vote for H.R. 351, "The LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act."

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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