



January 27, 2015

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

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner and Leader Pelosi:

On behalf of the American Petroleum Institute, America's Natural Gas Alliance and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, we write to express our strong support for H.R. 351, the LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act, which will be considered this week by the House of Representatives. The U.S. is the world's largest natural gas producer and, because of our abundant supply of natural gas, we can affordably and reliably supply both our future domestic fuel needs and a robust export market.

Technological breakthroughs in the oil and gas industry have unleashed an energy renaissance and demonstrated that the U.S. is energy abundant rather than energy scarce. Not only do we have enough natural gas to supply low-cost energy here at home but we also have abundant supplies to participate in the global market for liquefied natural gas (LNG) and make our nation more energy secure. Representatives Bill Johnson and Gene Green's bill provides the Department of Energy (DOE) a much-needed deadline to make a decision on pending applications that have completed the extensive environmental review process. H.R. 351 will institute greater certainty into the permitting process thereby accelerating investment in the U.S. economy, creating thousands of U.S. jobs and strengthening our strategic alliances abroad.

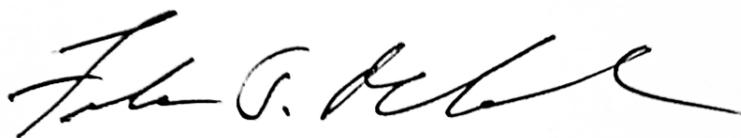
Since the beginning of 2005, natural gas production in the United States has increased 30 percent. The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects a 56 percent increase in total natural gas production from 2012 to 2040. Given the acknowledged abundance of domestic natural gas, expanding our export opportunities will create jobs, strengthen our economy, and enhance our national security and energy security. We appreciate the hard work of Representatives Bill Johnson and Gene Green to craft this bipartisan bill and encourage members of the House of Representatives to support passage of H.R. 351 and lock in the economic and geopolitical opportunities created by our energy revolution.

Please contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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