



March 25, 2014

The Honorable Edward Whitfield
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Bobby L. Rush
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy and Power
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Cory Gardner
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tim Ryan
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act

Dear Chairman Whitfield, Ranking Member Rush, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Ryan:

The Gas Processor's Association (GPA), representing the nation's midstream natural gas gathering and processing industry, strongly supports H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act. GPA has served the U.S. energy industry since 1921 as an incorporated non-profit trade organization made up of 130 corporate members engaged in the gathering, processing and transport of natural gas into merchantable pipeline gas and in the manufacturing, transportation, and further processing of natural gas liquids (NGLs).

The domestic shale gas revolution in the United States has opened up opportunities that only a few short years ago seemed unattainable. From Colorado to Pennsylvania and North Dakota to Texas, burgeoning domestic supplies of natural gas and NGLs have induced a renaissance in the level of capital being invested in the U.S. manufacturing sector; ***in a recent report the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America Foundation shows that U.S. oil and gas companies must invest up to \$641 billion on midstream infrastructure in the next two decades to get the U.S. production of natural gas, oil and natural gas liquids to market.*** Over the long term, however, access to new markets abroad, in addition to those here at home, is necessary to ensure that the required level of investment in upstream development and midstream infrastructure continues.

H.R. 6 supports those objectives by immediately approving all LNG export applications currently pending before the Department of Energy, and allowing the Department to expedite review of applications seeking to export LNG to any World Trade Organization member country. The geopolitical significance of this authority aside, this common-sense amendment provides a level of certainty and timeliness in accessing new and growing markets that will help to sustain the

economic activity and job growth that our industry has brought to producing and manufacturing regions throughout the nation.

GPA urges the subcommittee's support for H.R. 6, and stands ready to support timely action on similar legislation introduced in the Senate. Thank you for your leadership on this important matter, and for your consideration of these comments

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Applekamp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "A".

Jeff Applekamp
Vice President, Government Affairs
Gas Processors Association

Cc: All Members of the Subcommittee on Energy Power