



April 7, 2014

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
House Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ed Whitfield
Chairman
House Subcommittee on Energy and Power
2184 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cory Gardner
U.S. House of Representatives
213 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tim Ryan
U.S. House of Representatives
1421 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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

Dear Chairman Upton, Subcommittee Chairman Whitfield, and Representatives Gardner and Ryan:

Western Energy Alliance strongly supports the bipartisan bill H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act to enable expedited approval of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) exports to World Trade Organization (WTO) member countries, including Ukraine. In a world where America should be exercising its energy muscle to counter Russian aggression in Ukraine, archaic constraints from the 1930s era Natural Gas Act just don't make sense. It's time to move forward with LNG exports.

The strategic implications of America's vast natural gas resources are obvious. We have the means to end Russia's energy hegemony in Europe and to further strengthen our geopolitical power. Our allies in Europe and Asia are looking to the United States to help secure reliable, affordable energy that doesn't leave them vulnerable to Russian aggression and influence. Yet the Administration continues to slow walk export applications because of an outdated law that hampers free trade in a strategic American commodity. H.R. 6 would sensibly eliminate that barrier.

Department of Energy studies have found that exports of natural gas are in the interests of the public. Analysis by NERA consultants for DOE finds that LNG exports widely benefit the American people in terms of economic growth and job creation, and the more we export, the more the country benefits. NERA also found very modest price increases from exports. However, we believe NERA didn't adequately consider how U.S. producers will respond to the increased demand created from exports by expanding natural gas production, further moderating prices for domestic consumers.

Thank you for moving forward with H.R. 6. We appreciate your interest in this important issue and welcome the opportunity to discuss it further in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Sgamma".

Kathleen Sgamma
Vice President of Government & Public Affairs