

Ross E. Eisenberg

Vice President

Energy & Resources Policy

April 9, 2014

The Honorable Fred Upton
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Henry Waxman
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Upton and Ranking Member Waxman:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, supports H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act. This legislation would ensure that the market determines which liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals are built by expediting the licensing process for new applications and clearing the backlog of existing applications currently being processed by the Department of Energy (DOE).

The NAM was founded over 100 years ago to promote open markets and free trade for domestic manufacturers. These principles are embedded in our policies today, including those for energy exports. Consistent with these policies, we have called on DOE to provide applicants an up-or-down decision on license applications as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, some applicants have been waiting years for a decision, with no end in sight. At DOE's current pace, some of the applications in the queue could be waiting until 2016 or later before DOE makes any type of determination. This delay likely constitutes, in and of itself, a violation of our international obligations under the World Trade Organization (WTO).

H.R. 6 would put the United States in compliance with its own international obligations under the WTO, and would help bolster U.S. efforts to eliminate other countries' export restrictions. H.R. 6 does not impact the economic, environmental or safety studies that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and other agencies are required to conduct, nor does it remove any other regulatory requirement. It would promote the development of infrastructure to allow the export of a product—a principle that manufacturers support. As part of our commitment to exports and free trade, the NAM supports H.R. 6.

Sincerely,



Ross Eisenberg
Vice President
Energy and Resources Policy