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Mr. John A. Anderson  
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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
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RE: Golden Pass Products, LLC  
Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas  
FE Docket No. 12-156-LNG

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I am writing in support of the Golden Pass Products, LLC application for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

Golden Pass Products, LLC is proposing to invest about $10 billion in infrastructure to expand the Golden Pass LNG facility, an existing import terminal positioned on the Sabine-Neches waterway. The project would export LNG to Free Trade Agreement and non-Free Trade Agreement countries. Such a significant investment would be a key economic driver to the region and the United States by creating thousands of jobs, increasing tax revenues and generating extensive economic activity.

The potential to export LNG to foreign trade partners provides the U.S. with an unprecedented opportunity. The boom in shale gas exploration and production is allowing us to enhance our energy security. What’s more, our abundant supply of natural gas can serve as a vehicle for jumpstarting a lagging economic recovery.

The Golden Pass Products expansion would have lasting economic benefits for the nation by stimulating jobs both in and out of the oil and gas industry. Adding export capabilities to the existing facility creates the operating sustainability that protects existing jobs and investment while positioning for future growth. Constructing the expansion on an existing industrial footprint minimizes the impact on the environmental and local community.

Golden Pass Products has much to add to the future growth of the U.S. I strongly encourage the U.S. Department of Energy to promptly approve the Golden Pass Products application to export LNG to non-FTA countries.

Sincerely,

Mary Landrieu  
United States Senator