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Mr. John A. Anderson  
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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 application from Golden Pass Products, LLC for long-term authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.

As you may know, the recent study conducted for the Department of Energy concluded that expanding domestic exports of LNG would result in a net benefit to our economy, in part due to economic activity generated by the construction and operation of LNG export terminals. In order to export LNG to Free Trade Agreement countries, Golden Pass Products, LLC is proposing to invest approximately $10 billion to expand the existing Golden Pass LNG facility, an import terminal positioned on the Sabine-Neches waterway in the State of Texas. This is one of the largest private investments in Texas history which will create over 40,000 jobs both in and out of the oil and gas industry. The project will yield lasting economic benefits for my state and the rest of the country with an existing industrial footprint that minimizes the impact on the environment.

Importantly, the boom in shale gas exploration and production is allowing us to increase supply and enhance our energy independence and security. With significant advantages over other nations, exporting LNG to foreign trade partners provides the United States with an unprecedented opportunity to successfully compete for overseas customers seeking to purchase our natural gas. Adding export capabilities to the existing Golden Pass LNG facility harnesses this opportunity and creates the operating sustainability that protects jobs and investment while positioning for future growth.

The export of LNG will contribute greatly to economic expansion and job creation in Texas and the United States. Therefore, I strongly encourage the Department of Energy to promptly approve the Golden Pass Products application to export LNG to non-FTA countries. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Randy K. Weber  
Member of Congress