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Mr. John A. Anderson
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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Oil & Gas Global Supply & Security
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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:
On behalf of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, 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 by creating thousands of jobs, increasing tax revenues and generating extensive economic activity.

Historically, the Port Arthur area has had a strong relationship with the refining and petrochemical industry, one of the area’s largest employers and investors. As home to Golden Pass, Port Arthur has seen substantial economic benefits from the company’s operations. It is critical to our area that those operations continue.

The jobs created by the construction and operations of the Golden Pass export project would generate billions of dollars in economic activity. Such economic growth would lead to significant investment in the economic development of the region and improvement in the quality of life of Port Arthur area residents.

Golden Pass Products has much to offer the future of Port Arthur. 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,

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