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Good afternoon, This email serves to submit the attached signed letter of comment on the LNG export study on behalf of Charles P. Sammarone, Mayor of Youngstown, Ohio.

Sincerely,

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January 22, 2012

Mr. John Anderson U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34) Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities Office of Fossil Energy Forrestal Building, Room 3E-042 1000 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the recent study published by the Department of Energy regarding the opening of new export opportunities for liquefied natural gas (LNG). The implementation of new technology will allow the recovery of natural gas in shale formations across the Country, including Ohio and Pennsylvania. As Mayor of a city that is affected by both the Marcellus and Utica Shales, I am expressing my support for the Department of Energy to approve the construction of new LNG export terminals that enable natural gas produced in the United States to reach additional export markets.

I have witnessed personally the direct and indirect jobs created by natural gas production in the Youngstown region. These jobs are critical for both the local and state economies. By enhancing the ability of companies to export LNG, the Department of Energy will support needed additional demand for production and help stabilize a growth industry that has been historically impacted by boom-bust cycles. Sustainable natural gas prices will benefit the domestic manufacturing sector and continue to maintain affordable home energy prices and support our transportation needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important matter. I urge your support for an expedited approval process for LNG export which will provide critical support for an industry that stands to benefit workers and consumers in the Youngstown area, throughout Ohio and across the Country.

Very truly yours.

Charles P. Sammarone

Mayor