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Subject: Exporting LNG
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Good afternoon,

Please see attached.

Thank you,

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January 24, 2013

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

The natural gas industry and Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) present a significant opportunity for Ohio. Shale production has created many new benefits, not only for residents in eastern Ohio, but for industry throughout the state. However, production nationwide is outpacing demand and surplus natural gas threatens the growth potential of this industry in our state. Exporting LNG would create thousands of American jobs, reduce the trade deficit, generate billions of dollars in new revenues for federal, state and local governments and reduce natural gas price volatility.

The recent NERA study commissioned by the U.S. Department of Energy demonstrates the nation's opportunity for exporting liquefied natural gas, and thereby producing a broad range of economic benefits for the country overall. In particular, the Utica Shale can play a vital role in producing these economic benefits for Ohio. By and large, the shale gas revolution has been a great thing for our state and for our nation. It has brought us more of a clean, abundant, and affordable energy source for our factories, homes, and power stations.

The study finds improvement in gross domestic product (GDP) through overseas sales of liquefied natural gas (LNG), with estimated growth of as much as \$47 billion by 2020. It makes tremendous sense to allow a limited overseas market to supplement our domestic demand for natural gas. This market would provide capital from other countries to help fund the investments we must make here at home to support the natural gas industry. These investments include new exploration and production projects, as well as the new transmission infrastructure required to open more of our state to new economic development opportunities and provide more affordable home heating options (using natural gas) for our citizens.

We support the findings of this recent NERA study. It not only showed the unique potential of the LNG export market, but also stated that "U.S. economic welfare consistently increases as the volume of natural gas exports increases. This is reinforced by the U.S. International Trade Administration's finding that each \$1 billion of exports will result in more than 6,000 new jobs.



Please support exporting LNG and all of the employment and financial gains it will bring to our economy.

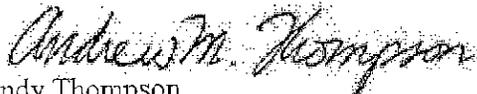
Sincerely,



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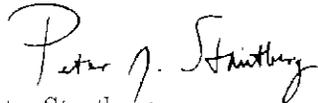
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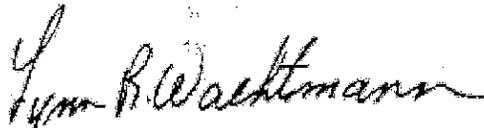
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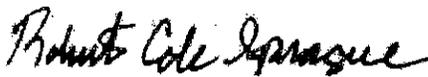
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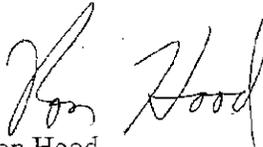
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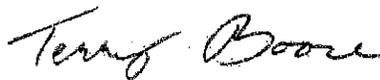
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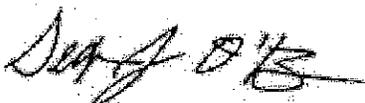
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