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Sincerely,

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To Whom It May Concern:

I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts on the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) NERA LNG study recently released. I offer my comments of general support in relation to the January 17, 2013 comment from Benjamin R. Frederick, Mayor of Owosso, Michigan. As Chair of the House Energy & Tech Committee, I believe natural gas is one of the many avenues we should explore in order to enhance our nation's economic and national security. I believe it is in the public interest of our nation to seriously consider moving forward with any energy option that can make us a more productive and secure country.

Mayor Frederick states "The United States, including the state of Michigan, has rich stores of natural gas, whose development is already providing significant economic benefits."

As Chairman of the Natural Gas Subcommittee in the 2011-2012 legislative session, I authored a report on our findings that showed how Michigan is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest producer of natural gas, in addition to producing 20% of the natural gas Michigan consumers utilize. The report also highlighted the fact that recent numbers show 97% of the natural gas consumed in the United States comes from North America, resulting in more energy independence and jobs here at home. In fact, over \$6 billion of economic activity and nearly 23,000 jobs are contributed to Michigan's economy each year by the natural gas industry. Estimates show that almost \$10 billion in investments will be needed in the Great Lakes region alone to meet demand in future years.

According to NERA, the U.S. is has become a leader in natural gas production. Recent data from the EIA's Annual Energy Outlook confirms that the U.S. has abundant natural gas resources to provide the domestic market with affordable supplies of natural gas, while enabling the nation to accrue significant economic benefits by exploring different economic options in regards to LNG. As the United States becomes exceedingly more reliant on our own sources of energy, rather than energy overseen by foreign dictators, we could become a safe alternative to other friendly nations, as well.

Therefore, I urge the Department of Energy to make any and all necessary decisions to fully utilize American production and, if done correctly, explore the chance to export LNG, in order to contribute to the creation of more investment and manufacturing jobs here at home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aric Nesbitt".

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