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Please find attached the comments from Rep. Jeff Duncan regarding the 2012 LNG Export Study.

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The Honorable Steven Chu Secretary Dept. of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu,

I am writing in support of comments made by Virginia Governor Robert McDonnell during the initial comment period for the Department of Energy (DOE) NERA LNG Export Study. Governor McDonnell and I have a shared belief that increasing America's energy through domestic production of our natural resources will stimulate job creation and the economy. I agree with the statements that he made regarding the "importance of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports and creating a free and open marketplace for U.S. energy supplies".

South Carolina has a long term interest in wanting to develop resources off our coast. A 2009 study commissioned by the American Petroleum Institute estimated there could be as much as 3.5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas off the South Carolina coast. A separate study calculated energy production could create over 7,500 new jobs in South Carolina, have a statewide economic impact of over \$2.2 billion annually, and generate around \$87.5 million in new state revenue.

I have been, and will continue to be, an advocate for people who want the jobs that will come with domestic production, along with the economic benefits that come with them. The DOE NERA LNG Export Study has concluded that there will be benefits that will positively affect our economy. Based on the comments made by Governor McDonnell, I agree that the DOE should approve the LNG Export applications currently under consideration as expeditiously as possible. Your attention to this important matter is greatly appreciated.

Blessings and Liberty,

Jeff Duncan

Member of Congress