The Honorable Steven Chu

Secretary

U.S. Department of Energy

1000 Independence Ave., SW

Washington, DC 20585

Re: Comments from 2012 LNG Export Study

Dear Secretary Chu:

As a North Dakotan I watch developing energy with great interest. As I followed the issue here in ND it became apparent to me that we need to continue to develop our domestic resources in the best ways possible to optimize our place as a country in the world market and to ensure energy security for our nation. Developing Liquefied Natural Gas is a way to expand our options and generate economic activity that will improve our still-slumping economy.

As I read through the remarks from the first commenting period I was struck by how united Governors in particular were on this issue, especially Governor McDonnell who stated the development of natural gas is "transforming" his state of Virginia. As someone who is living in the only state to flourish during this past economic downturn I see what responsible energy development can do for local economies. As a nation we have a responsibility to explore the opportunity the Department of Energy report depicts and further develop this valuable resource.

I urge approval of the pending project permits so that we as a nation can move forward and further secure our energy future. Respectfully,

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