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To: LNGStudy

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Please see the attached letter from Commissioner Adams.

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I write to comment on the recent study conducted by NERA Economic Consulting relating to Liquefied Natural Gas Exporting. In reviewing the study, I noted that the potential of increased exportation will generate jobs and investment in the United States. I support the goal of energy independence and believe that exportation of America's abundant natural gas to global markets will significantly impact U.S. Gross Domestic Product. The NERA study states that GDP will increase and that the most dramatic changes are short-term when investment in liquefaction capacity adds to export revenues and tolling charges to grow GDP.

Energy independence and increased GDP are vital to the country, the State of Missouri and Jasper County. Recognizing that Missouri is not a natural gas producing state, our local economy is dependent on energy resources created in the U.S. The NERA study uses data supplied by the Energy Information Administration to support a conclusion that the United States produces enough natural gas to meet both domestic and export needs. Having experienced the horrific tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri in 2011, I know full well the importance of adequate energy resources. We are still rebuilding from that F-5 tornado and we rely on producing states for an energy supply that will ensure future growth in our community.

I support the applications for LNG exportation and hope that this study will provide the basis for continued economic growth in America, Missouri and Jasper County.

Sincerely, Farien K Alam

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