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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

RE: 2012 LNG Study

Dear Secretary Chu:

Associated Industries of Florida, the Florida affiliate of the National Association of Manufacturers representing diverse business and industrial enterprises across Florida, is writing in support of the NERA study titled *Macroeconomic Impacts of LNG Exports from the United States* and its conclusions that LNG exports result in "net economic benefits" for the United States. Well over half of Florida's electricity generation is derived from natural gas and many of our industries are dependent on natural gas as a feedstock/energy source. Florida's economy has benefitted from recent shale gas production and the resultant decline in natural gas prices.

Growth in natural gas supplies has begun to outpace domestic demand, so it is appropriate to support export of the surplus. Natural gas exports will have two immediate positive economic impacts: exports will improve the U.S. balance of trade, and exports will encourage further development of natural gas resources that mitigate "boom or bust" cycles.

The construction and operation of LNG export terminals and increased exploration and production activity will also support thousands, if not many times that, of jobs and billions in investment at a time when such a free-market stimulus is so desperately needed. Further, the global opportunity U.S. natural gas supplies could also have in delivering greater geopolitical stability and national security cannot be overlooked.

Florida continues its strides to reduce unemployment by creating a strong business environment; stable energy prices and a vibrant U.S. economy are key elements to continued success. Increasing natural gas production to meet domestic and export demand will enhance both key elements.

With the release of the NERA report, we respectfully urge you to advance, without delay, through the comment period and approval of the pending export project permits. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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Please find attached a letter from Associated Industries of Florida in support of the LNG study. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you- Brewster

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