



January 30, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson
The Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Senator Schumer, Representative Jeffries and Senator McConnell,

On March 25th, 2022, President Biden stood with European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and pledged to work together to lay the framework for a significant increase in U.S. LNG exports to the European Union. American supply allowed the European Union's economies and population to survive as Russian natural gas was turned off following the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine.

At home, the men and women at the heart of U.S. energy production ramped up production at an unprecedented pace to meet domestic demand as well as the new demand from our allies abroad. Today, production has never been higher and energy prices and supply have remained stable in America even with the increased U.S. exports. In fact, U.S. LNG exports reached record highs in 2023 while domestic prices declined 62%.

The Biden Administration's recent announcement to pause new non-FTA permits for LNG export facilities could not have come at a worse time. This action threatens to stifle the progress made by the unprecedented ramp up of our domestic industry and the fundamental shift in dependence made by Europe.

Additionally, slowing down our own exports will not slow worldwide energy demand, which continues to increase. Hamstringing an industry that produces the cleanest oil and natural gas in the world will only open the door for less environmentally responsible producers to fill the void in the market. All the while our nation, which reaps \$1.8 trillion in economic benefits from our domestic oil and natural gas industry that supports 10.8 million jobs, will experience the negative impacts of this decision.

U.S. LNG exports have received bipartisan support in the past that continues to this day. Given the national security implications of this misguided decision for both the United States and our European allies, we urge you to quickly advance legislation to remove the Department of Energy from the non-FTA permitting process to allow critical LNG infrastructure to move forward.

We strongly support the re-introduction of Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act by Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11) which will counter this misguided decision by the Administration and put the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in charge of all LNG export permitting in the United States. Removing DOE from the process will help to ensure that political maneuvers will not interfere with energy supplies. It is vital that Congress send an immediate message to our allies, and enemies, abroad that U.S LNG will continue to flow uninterrupted for many years to come.

We urge leadership in the House and Senate to move to expedite passage of this legislation through any legislative vehicle possible.

Sincerely,

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Gulf Energy Alliance
Independent Petroleum Association of America
National Ocean Industries Association
Texas Alliance of Energy Producers
U.S. Oil & Gas Association
Western Energy Alliance