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The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (CLNG) writes to voice our strong support for expedited approval of Department of Energy (DOE) reviews of all pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export permits to Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and non-Free Trade Agreement countries. Ensuring a prompt approval process will bolster the nascent U.S. LNG export industry, thereby strengthening our economy, improving our natural security, bettering America's position in the global energy market, and providing jobs for hardworking American men and women.

The United States has an abundance of natural gas. Large reserves coupled with technological advancements in natural gas development pushed domestic production to 28.75 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) in 2015, roughly 1.4 Tcf more than we used that year. In fact, EIA predicts that production of natural gas in the U.S. will outpace domestic consumption through the next two decades at least. In short, with such a significant resource base we have a surplus that can be shipped overseas, providing trading partners abroad with the energy resources they need while ensuring demand at home is affordably met; truly a win-win for the American economy.

LNG exports are also a substantial opportunity for U.S. economic and job growth, as each new terminal represents billions of dollars of investment in local economies. It's estimated that the LNG industry could create up to 450,000 jobs by 2035, collectively generating as much as \$86 billion in net benefits to the national economy. These projects also provide vital tax revenues, as a single LNG export terminal is expected to provide nearly \$11 million in new revenue every year for federal, state and local governments. Moreover, LNG exports will help stimulate further domestic production, increasing job opportunities in natural gas development across the country.

As other countries also work to develop their own LNG industries, a lengthy approval process for U.S. export permits hinders America's position in the market and undermines the investment proposition for domestic projects. Any further delays in approving and exporting U.S. natural gas will mean missing out on the significant benefits outlined above.

CLNG appreciates your consideration and respectfully asks you to streamline the DOE approval process for FTA and non-FTA export permits. We look forward to working with you on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

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