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December 16, 2021

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Support of Freeport LNG Expansion Application for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas to Non-Free Trade Agreement Nations (FE Docket No. 21-98-LNG)

Secretary Granholm:

I write in support of the Freeport LNG expansion request (FE Docket No. 21-98-LNG) to increase export capacity at their LNG Liquefaction and Export Terminal in Brazoria County, Texas.

LNG exports ensure the vitality of U.S. natural gas production and strengthen our national security. Exporting LNG generates billions of dollars in new investments that produces tax revenues and creates jobs all of which benefits states and local communities. Internationally, LNG exports support U.S. allies by allowing them to generate electricity with reliable natural gas versus higher-emitting and/or unreliable energy sources from adversarial countries, like Russia.

The world needs American natural gas and U.S. companies want to provide that life-saving resource. Every day, 2.6 billion people rely on wood for heating and cooking and 800 million people have no access to electricity. The U.S. can lead the way toward a more energy secure and stable world with the responsible export of our natural resources.

Texas' natural gas producers generate 25 percent of U.S. natural gas, employing more than 400,000 workers and pay nearly \$14 billion per year in taxes and royalties to the state and local governments to build infrastructure, provide services, and so much more. This expansion will greatly benefit Brazoria County, Texas and the nation.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter that will positively impact my constituents. If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact Jordan Ballard, Director of Public Affairs, in my office at Jordan.Ballard@rrc.texas.gov or (512) 463-7134.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne Christian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Christian
Chairman
Railroad Commission of Texas