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Room 3E-056
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Attn: Mrs. Amy Sweeney

**Re: Docket No. 23-87-LNG
Lake Charles Exports, LLC Application**

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

Please accept this letter as support for Lake Charles Exports, LLC's new application for long-term authorization to export LNG to Non-Free Trade Agreement countries, and request for expedited consideration, from the existing Lake Charles Terminal. LNG is vital to the well-being of Louisiana's economy, and evermore critical to the sustainable, clean energy our country is working to achieve. We ask that the Department of Energy approve Lake Charles Exports application as soon as possible.

This project will have a significant positive impact on job creation and economic output for the state of Louisiana over the multiple year construction period. It is my understanding that there will be nearly 3,000 estimated construction jobs during peak construction and billions of dollars of overall construction expenditures. And, once completed, the project will generate hundreds of high-quality jobs for the region related to LNG operations, tug operations and ancillary services. The export of LNG from the existing Lake Charles Terminal will provide a much-needed boost to Louisiana's local and regional economy through resource development, an enhanced tax base, direct and indirect job creation and economic activity.

The citizens of Louisiana will benefit greatly with the creation of these high paying jobs attributable to the Lake Charles LNG project. Although new jobs are first and foremost, us Louisianans also love our state and all its natural beauty. I am pleased with the environmental review completed by the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Their results confirm this project complies with applicable Federal environmental laws. Lake Charles Exports has also committed to ensure acceptable and prudent environmental standards are met.

I strongly encourage you to approve Lake Charles Export's application as soon as possible in order to allow this long overdue project to proceed and benefit our community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,



Sarita Scheufens
President and CEO
Safety Council of Southwest Louisiana