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Director Amy Sweeney
Office of Regulation, Analysis, and Engagement
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Director Sweeney,

I write to express my support for Lake Charles Exports, LLC's application for long-term authorization to deliver LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement countries from the existing Lake Charles Terminal. Further, I request expedited consideration of this application by the Department of Energy.

The Lake Charles LNG project will contribute to job creation and economic growth in Louisiana. It will also bolster the United States' position as a global exporter of clean energy. The construction phase at its peak is projected to generate nearly 3,000 construction jobs, with billions of dollars in overall construction expenditures. Upon completion, the project will create hundreds of high-quality, permanent jobs related to LNG operations, tug operations, and ancillary services. These activities will provide much-needed economic support for local communities and the entire region.

The utilization of existing infrastructure at the Lake Charles Terminal will mitigate environmental impacts arising from construction. A comprehensive environmental review has been carried out by the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), concluding that the project complies with all applicable Federal environmental laws.

The timely approval of this application is imperative to advancing American energy projects and fostering an environment for investment and innovation. I respectfully request you approve Lake Charles Exports, LLC's application without delay. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Clay Higgins
Member of Congress