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Room 3E-056
1000 Independence Avenue SW
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Attn: Mrs. Amy Sweeney

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

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

On behalf of Consumer Energy Alliance (CEA), I write today to share our strong 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.

Founded in 2006, CEA is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advocating for balanced energy and environmental policies and responsible access to resources. CEA represents virtually every sector of the U.S. economy and our members are concerned about U.S. energy policies, energy security and affordability, environmental stewardship and reliability. CEA supports thoughtful emissions reduction strategies as we move towards a greener and cleaner future that keep cost and reliability needs of the consumer in mind.

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—creating approximately 3,000 construction jobs. Post construction, 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.

Currently, Americans are faced with increasing energy costs, evident in both their electricity and gasoline bills. As the U.S. attempts to diversify its energy portfolio to add more renewables to the current usage of oil, natural gas, nuclear, and other resources, ensuring we maintain adequate sources of power to keep the lights on while reducing the prices we pay is more important than ever. Because LNG helps expand markets for natural gas, it also helps stabilize prices, while

improving global energy security, and our position relative to other nations, like Russia, Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, and Iran, who are more frequently using energy as a political weapon against the United States. However, to accomplish these goals and realize our opportunities, additional export capacity is needed to meet the current challenges and demands that are placed on global energy markets.

Several events abroad have rattled global energy markets, and the call for added forms of energy amidst sanctions and anti-fossil fuel rhetoric has led much of the world to depend on LNG as a critical fuel source. To continue providing affordable and reliable energy to Americans via an expanded and more stable market, as well as our allies across the globe, new export infrastructure, such as the proposed Lake Charles terminal, is critical; the domestic and global supply of energy depends on it. According to a recent Energy Information Administration (EIA) study, U.S. LNG exports are expected to increase 152% between 2022 and 2050,¹ which necessitates the need for added export facilities in key exporting regions, such as the Gulf Coast.

I strongly encourage you to approve the Lake Charles Exports 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.

Respectfully,



Kaitlin Hammons

Executive Director, CEA Gulf Coast

¹ Energy Information Administration, *U.S. natural gas production and LNG exports will likely grow through 2050 in AEO2023*, April 27, 2023. <https://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.php?id=56320> .