

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jennifer Granholm
Secretary
United States Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue., SW
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Secretary Granholm:

I am writing to express our support for Lake Charles Exports, LLC's application for long-term authorization to export LNG to non-Free Trade Agreement countries and to request expedited consideration of this project. It is vital for the well-being of the state of Louisiana and the entire country that the Department of Energy promptly approve the Lake Charles Export application.

This project represents an essential component of a comprehensive energy strategy that seeks to accomplish our mutual goals of strengthening global energy security and reducing global emissions, all while creating good-paying American jobs that enable interconnected economic growth for all. The combination of abundant U.S. natural gas supplies and the efficiency of our supply chain for producing, processing, and delivering those resources presents a unique opportunity for the U.S. to be a force for good on the world stage.

When leveraged correctly, projects like the Lake Charles LNG facility can help mitigate the impact of adversarial nations that seek to destabilize global energy markets while simultaneously strengthening geopolitical security, all while reducing global emissions. The National Energy Technology Lab estimates U.S. LNG shipped to Europe or Asia to reduce emissions in the region by up to 50%. The Lake Charles project proposes further building on those benefits by mitigating potential environmental impacts during construction through utilization of existing infrastructure at the Lake Charles Terminal.

Conversely, the Lake Charles project 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 overall economic activity.

I strongly encourage you to expedite approval of the Lake Charles Exports application to allow this long overdue project to proceed in delivering benefits to our community and those across the globe. Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact my office at 225-442-1731.

Sincerely,



Garret Graves
Member of Congress