



June 6, 2014

The Honorable Fred Upton  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Upton,

The Distribution Contractors Association (DCA) represents contractors, suppliers and manufacturers who provide construction services including installation, replacement and rehabilitation of natural gas mainline transmission and distribution pipelines, water and wastewater infrastructure, fiber optic, cable and duct systems in communities across the country. DCA fully supports the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act (HR 6), which would expedite exports of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG).

HR 6 would help clear the backlog of export applications currently pending at Department of Energy (DOE). The legislation provides that DOE must issue a decision on any application no later than 90 days of enactment or the end of the application's comment period, and provides for expedited judicial review for challenges to DOE's decision or inaction on these applications.

It is clear that we have enough natural gas to meet America's growing energy needs for generations to come. The U.S. is producing more than enough gas to export and support industrial growth without natural gas price spikes. In addition to creating tens of thousands of jobs to build new export facilities, an improved export policy will open new markets for American natural gas and encourage further production, creating additional jobs to support America's manufacturing resurgence. Licensing new export facilities will trigger gas producers to increase natural gas exploration, production, and transportation. Because building export facilities include multi-year construction projects, there will be sufficient time for additional production necessary to meet demands, both domestically and overseas.

An IHS-Global study published in 2013 examined the impact of unconventional energy development on the manufacturing sector and concluded that by 2025 over 318,000 jobs would be supported and more than \$50 billion added to the gross domestic product (GDP) created, all while exporting LNG.

Importantly, increased LNG exports have strong potential to help reduce both Russia's ability to threaten its neighbors with potential natural gas price cost spikes and supply disruptions and diminish Russia's regional dominance in European markets. For all of the reasons described above, DCA applauds Reps. Cory Gardner and Tim Ryan for introducing H.R. 6 and believes the increased export of U.S. LNG would have widespread benefits at home and abroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "RD", written in a cursive style.

Robert Darden  
Executive Vice President

Cc: Rep. Cory Gardner (R-Colo.O