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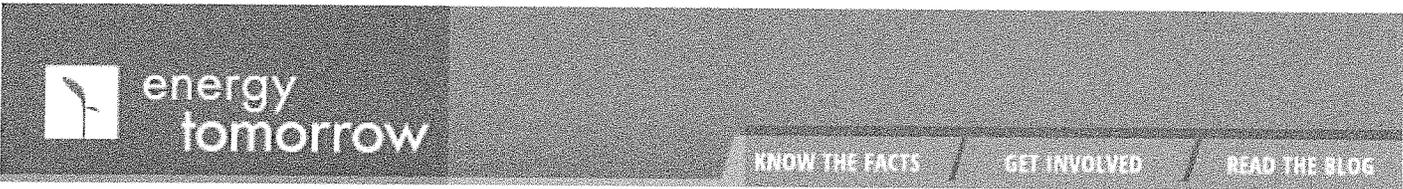
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**LNG Exports Promise Economic, Security and Climate Progress**

Dear Michelle,

Both the House and Senate have acted in the past two weeks to streamline the federal permitting process for exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) – [the Senate](#) as part of its comprehensive, bipartisan energy legislation, and [the House](#) in an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act. By including LNG export provisions in a defense authorization bill, Congress recognizes that the export of American natural gas resources is a national security issue, as well as an economic issue.

**Pipelines and the Public Interest**

Eighty percent of U.S. voters support increased development of energy infrastructure, which is necessary to supply reliable, affordable energy to American families and businesses. Failure to move forward with crucial infrastructure projects costs construction job opportunities and threatens to raise energy costs. [Learn more](#) about the impact of recent energy infrastructure decisions.

After a multi-year approval process, LNG shipments are finally underway from Louisiana's Sabine Pass. Yet more than 20 export facilities are still awaiting Department of Energy approval. The sooner we cut through the red tape and begin transporting more U.S. LNG to our allies, the sooner we'll see not only economic and security benefits but potential environmental benefits, as well:

**Economic growth:** LNG exports could contribute up to 452,000 jobs nationwide between 2016 and 2035 and add up to \$73.6 billion annually to the GDP, according to an ICF International study.

**National security:** Greater access to U.S. natural gas means greater security for allies dependent on energy supplies from less stable regions or nations that have used energy resources as a political weapon. International Energy Agency's Fatih Birol explains that "the fact that U.S. Atlantic [gas exports] can come at any moment, the fact that there is an alternative there ... is very important for Europe" in cases involving "a major exporter of gas that wants to increase the prices" or a "neighbor [that] doesn't behave himself."

**Emissions reduction:** The United States leads the world in reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including carbon emissions driven to 20-year lows in the power sector due to greater use of clean-burning natural gas. Experts say that LNG exports can help spread that success to other nations. According to Kenneth Medlock, senior director at Rice University's Center for Energy Studies, "When you think about other countries meeting certain goals that are related to CO2 emissions, those aspirations could largely be fulfilled by a greater U.S. presence, particularly in the natural gas domain." Over the long term, Medlock says, natural gas "has the potential to be everybody's transformative, as what we've already seen in the United States with regard to our own CO2 emissions."

As the world's leading producer of natural gas, the United States has a valuable opportunity to be a major player in the global LNG market and reap the economic benefits. But competitors, including Iran, are moving forward with their own export facilities. It's time to accelerate LNG exports and build on our status as a global energy leader.

Sincerely,

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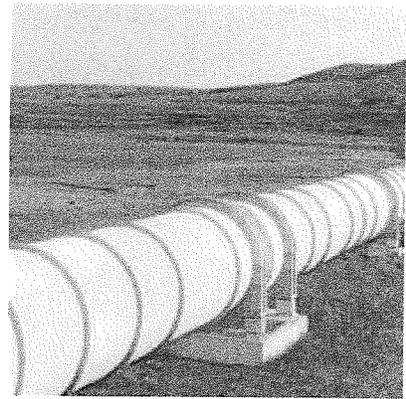
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