

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Chairman, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

The Honorable John Barrasso
Ranking Member, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Subject: Eurogas support for the provisions related to liquefied natural gas export proposed in the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024

Dear Senators Manchin and Barrasso,

We are writing this letter to you on behalf of Eurogas, the trade association for gaseous energies in Europe.

We would like to express our strong support for enhancing liquefied natural gas export from the US to Europe, as you are proposing in the Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024 (Title VI). As highlighted in the written testimony submitted by Eurogas to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in February 2024, the timely and efficient permitting of energy projects is critical to European energy security.

An expeditious permitting process for essential LNG projects is crucial to ensuring the continued growth and reliability of U.S. LNG exports, which have become increasingly vital to Europe's energy strategy, especially in light of the geopolitical tensions resulting from Russia's war against Ukraine.

The significant increase in U.S. LNG imports to Europe since early 2022 have enabled a critical shift away from Russian gas supplies. The importance of a stable and reliable energy partnership between our regions cannot be overstated.

Accelerating the permitting process will not only bolster U.S. energy production but will also provide much-needed certainty and stability for global energy markets. It is imperative to further reducing Europe's dependence on Russian gas, thereby supporting both regional and global energy security. Failing to have enough U.S. LNG in the market in the coming years could result in increasing risk and prolonging the global supply imbalance.

Eurogas believes in a balanced approach to speeding up the permitting process while maintaining necessary environmental protections. It will help bring down energy prices, create domestic jobs, and solidify the United States' role as a global energy leader.

Thank you for your leadership on supporting a secure and sustainable supply of US energy and LNG to Europe.

Sincerely,

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