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Dear Representative:

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), the largest manufacturing association in the United States representing manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states, urges you to support H.R. 6, the Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act, as modified by the manager's amendment introduced by Congressmen Cory Gardner (R-CO) and Gene Green (D-TX).

The NAM was founded over 100 years ago to promote open markets and free trade for domestic manufacturers. These principles are embedded in our policies today, including those for energy exports. As a result, we have urged the Department of Energy (DOE) to process applications for the construction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export terminals in a timely fashion. Unfortunately, some applicants have been waiting years for a decision, with no end in sight. At the DOE's current pace, some of the applications in the queue could wait until 2016 or later before the DOE makes any type of determination. This delay likely constitutes a violation of our international obligations under the World Trade Organization (WTO).¹

H.R. 6 ensures that market forces, rather than bureaucratic inertia, govern international trade by providing a 30-day deadline for the DOE to approve or deny pending LNG export applications. It does not impact the economic, environmental or safety studies that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and other agencies are required to conduct, nor does it remove any other regulatory requirement. It would provide a clear resolution to the outstanding questions surrounding regulatory approval of the infrastructure necessary to allow the export of a product - a principle that domestic manufacturers support.

The NAM's Key Vote Advisory Committee has indicated that votes on H.R. 6, including procedural votes, may be considered for designation as Key Manufacturing Votes in the 113th Congress. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aric Newhouse

¹ Bacchus, J. and Jeong, R., *LNG and Coal: Unreasonable Delays in Approving Exports Likely Violate International Treaty Obligations*, November 2013, available at <http://www.nam.org/~media/9CCC6B36723C4AEDB37F78C19EBE8971.ashx>.