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The Honorable Cheryl A. LaFleur  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
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Dear Chairman LaFleur:

I am writing to express my support for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Louisiana to global markets. Specifically, I write in support of the Calcasieu Pass Project, being development by Venture Global. Natural gas is an integral part of Louisiana's energy economy, creating jobs and economic development in all sectors of the natural gas value chain, in South Louisiana, and throughout the nation.

The Calcasieu Pass project is a proposed \$4.25 billion export facility located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, south of the city of Lake Charles. The 203-acre project site lies along the Calcasieu Ship Channel where it meets the Gulf of Mexico. It is expected the project will create approximately 1500 construction jobs, 325 indirect jobs and 100 permanent jobs for the community.

To date, the Calcasieu Pass Project has received authorization from the U.S. Department of Energy to export 5.0 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of LNG to countries with whom the U.S. already has a free trade agreement. Additionally, the project is seeking authorization from both the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the U.S. Department of Energy to export 10.0 million tonnes per annum of LNG to non-FTA countries.

The United States has become a critical player in the global energy markets, with our recent record natural gas production. Louisiana's existing pipeline infrastructure and economic development incentives make the state a top competitor for LNG exports in the national and international marketplace for years to come. These valuable and significant advantages should be capitalized on now. I respectfully request every proper consideration be provided to Venture Global LNG's application.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. W. Boustany, Jr.", written over a blue horizontal line.

Charles W. Boustany, Jr. MD  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS