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The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise  
Majority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Emmer  
Majority Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Elise Stefanik  
Chair of the Republican Conference  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Scalise, Majority Whip Emmer, and Conference Chair Stefanik:

On behalf of the Partnership to Address Global Emissions (PAGE) and its founding members, EQT Corporation, Williams, and Enbridge, we write to thank your Conference for its continued support of unleashing the decarbonization potential of U.S. liquified natural gas (LNG) and leveraging our ability to support our allies around the world.

Your efforts, particularly through the passage of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, and the introduction of proposals such as H.R. 7176, the Unlocking Domestic LNG Potential Act, demonstrate a clear commitment to enhancing our energy infrastructure, fostering greater investment in domestic energy production, streamlining regulatory processes, and enabling the expansion of LNG exports. These reforms would not only bolster U.S. energy security, but also create jobs, stimulate local economies, and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through the transition from coal to cleaner natural gas.

As you have acknowledged, by expanding natural gas infrastructure and availability, we can rapidly reduce the world's reliance on foreign coal. Two-thirds of the world's economically recoverable gas is in just four countries: Russia, Iran, Qatar, and the U.S. When Russia weaponized its reserves after invading Ukraine – beginning with cutting off its gas supply to Europe – the U.S. quickly stepped forward and supplied LNG to replace methane-intensive Russian gas. This support to our allies accounted for 40% of EU LNG imports in 2022. Building new infrastructure to transport natural gas from producers to end users is essential to ensuring the U.S. has sufficient supply to meet this global demand and support our allies, while keeping prices low at home.<sup>1</sup>

U.S. LNG also holds vast potential for increasing employment and economic growth. In Pennsylvania alone, the natural gas sector supports approximately 123,000 statewide jobs and

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<sup>1</sup> NERA Economic Consulting (2023), *LNG Outlook: An Analysis of the U.S. LNG Market and Its Impact*, [https://accf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Final\\_NERA-LNG-Outlook-Report\\_4\\_13\\_2023.pdf](https://accf.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Final_NERA-LNG-Outlook-Report_4_13_2023.pdf).

contributed more than \$41 billion in 2022 state economic activity.<sup>2</sup> Moreover, the cumulative contribution to U.S. economic growth from the addition of more LNG plants will range from \$716 billion to \$1.267 trillion between 2013 and 2050 under three cases, supporting 2 million to 3.9 million jobs during that period.<sup>3</sup>

Finally, permitting reform for natural gas development could potentially reduce international CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by up to 1.1 billion metric tons per year. While the U.S. has led the world in lowering greenhouse emissions over the past 15 years and kept prices stable by switching to natural gas and renewables, geopolitical strife and inadequate access to reliable energy sources has led nations to revert to coal generation. As a result, global energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions grew by 1.1% in 2023, increasing 410 million tons (Mt) to reach a new record high of 37.4 billion tons (Gt).<sup>4</sup>

Thus, U.S. LNG remains a vital piece of the solution, and we thank your Conference for its leadership and dedication to these important issues. Your ongoing work is critical for creating a sustainable and prosperous energy future for all Americans, and we look forward to working with Congress to advance bipartisan permitting reforms which achieve our shared objectives.

Sincerely,

Chris Treanor  
Executive Director  
The Partnership to Address Global Emissions (PAGE)

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### **About Williams**

Williams operates over 33,000 miles of pipelines in 24 states. Our footprint includes strategic assets in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico, the Rockies, the Pacific Northwest and the Eastern

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<sup>2</sup> FTI Consulting (2023), *Economic and Fiscal Impact of Pennsylvania Shale Gas Development*, Prepared for the Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC), <https://marcelluscoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Economic-and-Fiscal-Impact-of-Pennsylvania-Shale-Development.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> ICF (2018), *Calculating the Economic Benefits of U.S. LNG Exports*, Prepared for LNG Allies, <https://www.lngallies.com/jobs.pdf>.

<sup>4</sup> International Energy Agency (2024), *CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions in 2023*, <https://iea.blob.core.windows.net/assets/33e2badc-b839-4c18-84ce-f6387b3c008f/CO2Emissionsin2023.pdf>.

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