

## General Electric (Jan. 24, 2013)

"GE supports free markets and free trade. As a global company, we have witnessed firsthand the economic vitality generated when local workers, local industry and local resources are unleashed to compete in world markets."



## U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Jan. 16, 2013)

"LNG exports will foster U.S. job creation, new tax revenues, and stronger international alliances. At issue is the freedom to export. In fact, both history and trade law take a dim view of export restraints. Indeed, the notion that the federal government has the power to limit the freedom to export is at odds with U.S. tradition and law. In considering LNG exports, the U.S. should continue its proud tradition of support for the freedom to export."

## National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) (Jan. 15, 2013)

"Proposals that seek to limit LNG or coal or any other product would have far-reaching negative effects on the United States and should be rejected. Such restrictions limit economic opportunities and stifle job growth rather than provide a source of increased economic growth."

## American Exploration & Production Council (Jan. 23, 2013)

"AXPC strongly believes that the export of natural gas is in the national interest of the United States. Our support is based on sound economic reasoning -- the increase in sales of natural gas via exports would increase demand for economically advantaged U.S. natural gas and natural gas liquids (NGL's), thereby increasing investment of domestic and foreign capital which will enhance the search for and production of additional quantities of US natural gas and NGL's."

## United States Council on International Business (Jan. 22, 2013)

"USCIB has long championed expanded trade and investment, and the elimination of barriers to global commerce, including in the energy sector, under a rules-based system, and we support established WTO rules limiting export and import bans. Erecting new barriers to LNG exports would run counter to our past positions and efforts by the American business community to discourage restrictions by other countries."

## The National Foreign Trade Council (NFTC) (Jan. 16, 2013)

"They have also become occasion for some debate over the wisdom of permitting exports of LNG. On that issue, like most, the National Foreign Trade Council prefers that the market, rather than the government, be the determining factor."

"Over the longer term, LNG exports, despite the large capital investment required, are a logical consequence of the rapid development of domestic production capacity and will provide producers an appropriate market addition. That said, the domestic end-use of domestic natural gas production, given the unparalleled domestic infrastructure the U.S. enjoys, will continue to grow, provided that pricing is not artificially distorted by protectionist policies."

"The NFTC urges the Administration to do no harm to the marketplace in its evaluation of LNG export proposals."

## Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT) (January 15, 2013)

"U.S. LNG reserves are reportedly vast, and the development of these resources can play an important role in expanding trade through growing exports, as well as in sustaining and growing the jobs to support those exports. ECAT urges the Department of Energy to weigh fully these potential benefits as it evaluates pending applications for authorization to export LNG."

Export growth has created and saved manufacturing jobs over the past few years, which were tough economically for the United States. Export growth is vital not just for businesses across-the-board that directly export, but also for the many manufacturers in the supply chain."



## Consuming Industries Trade Action Coalition (Jan. 14, 2013)

"Economic theory (and, to be fair, most observation) indicates that restrictions on exports create similar inefficiencies as import protectionism. Export restrictions reduce the incentive to invest in production of products and services whose prices are held down, just as restrictions on import trade reduce the incentive to invest in the protected market in favor of other markets."

## Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council (Jan. 10, 2013)

"It's hard to believe that American interests are working to limit exports given their critical importance to our economy, and efforts by the Obama Administration to double exports by 2015... This is not just a big business issue. To the contrary, the energy sector is populated overwhelmingly by small and mid-size businesses. Quite simply, the effort to limit LNG exports is an effort to limit opportunity for American small businesses and entrepreneurs."

## American Petroleum Institute (Jan. 10, 2013)

"America's newfound abundance of natural gas resources is a boon to all domestic manufacturing through lower energy costs, lower costs on raw materials and reduced heating bills. Restricting exports of energy as a 'strategic resource' makes no more sense than unnecessarily restricting the export of chemicals, agriculture products or cars, and such a backward move could violate international trade rules."

## American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (Jan. 10, 2013)

"We believe domestic policy should focus on maximizing access to the nation's abundant natural gas resources and encouraging domestic manufacturers to use those resources. Opening up more public lands to natural gas exploration and production, and regulatory reform aimed at ensuring manufacturers can actually build plants to take advantage of our resources are the best paths toward achieving these objectives,"

## American's Natural Gas Alliance (Jan. 23, 2013)

"America's Natural Gas Alliance strongly supports the country's ability to export natural gas. As is the case with any product or commodity, when free trade is allowed to flourish our economy enjoys greater prosperity, our people greater economic benefits, and our workers more and better jobs. Imposing arbitrary limits on free trade, including exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG), would be an economically short-sighted mistake."

## American Chemistry Council (ACC) (Feb. 6, 2013)

"The Executive Committee unanimously expressed its opposition to any new export bans or restrictions on liquefied natural gas such as a moratorium on export terminals or the prohibition on the export of natural gas produced on public lands. The Executive Committee also reaffirmed its support for free-market policies that promote the export of American-made goods, including the export of liquefied natural gas."

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Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (Jan. 18, 2013)

"The NERA study stated that "exports of natural gas will improve the U.S. balance of trade and result in a wealth transfer into the U.S." This would be an important step toward reducing the trade deficit that has existed in our economy for many years. Beyond these balance of trade implications, the report found LNG exports could attract overseas capital to support investments in domestic energy infrastructure, providing "another form of wealth transfer into the U.S."

Marcellus Shale Coalition (Jan. 10, 2013)

"American shale gas development represents a truly historic opportunity for our nation. Moving forward with the timely permitting of LNG exports to our nation's allies and global trading partners will lead to more American job creation, economic growth, a reduction in our trade imbalance, and cleaner air - all of which is in the public interest."

Natural Gas Supply Association (Jan. 10, 2013)

"Because of homegrown developments in shale gas technology, the United States has an abundance of natural gas to meet all current and projected needs of businesses and households here in America."

"Natural gas suppliers look forward to demonstrating to our customers that we can grow their businesses while allowing the market to set LNG export levels."

Center for Liquefied Natural Gas (Jan. 10, 2013)

"Experts agree that America's new-found natural gas supplies are so abundant that we can meet our needs here at home and enhance America's competitiveness in the global marketplace by selling some to our trading partners at the same time. That's a good thing for gas producing and manufacturing communities all around the country. Exports will help sustain economic growth in such communities by stimulating additional energy production here at home and creating new markets for our products abroad."

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Jan. 4, 2013)

"The NERA report supports the position that LNG exporting will be good for the families and businesses of our region. In light of these findings, we urge the Department of Energy to move forward with pending export applications."

Ohio Chamber of Commerce (Jan. 17, 2013)

"The Ohio Chamber has long recognized and supported the tremendous benefits of free trade. Whether it is energy or some other commodity, if more markets are opened for its sale, there will be more demand, investment and production. Simply put, more trade means more supply and with it more jobs and economic expansion.

For these reasons we encourage your support for exporting LNG and all of the employment and financial gains it will bring to the economy, here in Ohio, and nationally."

State Chamber of Oklahoma (Jan. 18, 2013)

"The Department of Energy's approval of applications to export LNG will improve the domestic energy market and can help prevent fluctuating adjustments in natural gas exploration and production. Low natural gas prices force companies to slow or halt production and exploration of efforts, which costs Oklahoma jobs and state revenue."

Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association (Jan. 16, 2013)

"With the approval of all pending liquefied natural gas (LNG) export applications for non-free trade agreement countries, the direct impact for the U.S. would be more American job creation, tax revenue, economic activity, consumer savings, a reduction in our nation's trade imbalance, environmental benefits, and increased national security."

Canton (OH) Regional Chamber of Commerce (Jan. 11, 2013)

"Opening overseas markets will help keep exploration and production efforts up and running. That will support our business, but it will also help ensure that our nation has adequate and affordable supplies of this valuable energy resource. We support the NERA report's findings and urge approval of the pending export applications."