June 9, 2015

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leaders McConnell and Reid:

On behalf of America’s Natural Gas Alliance, the American Petroleum Institute, the Independent Petroleum Association of America, the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas and the Natural Gas Supply Association, we write to express our strong support for Senator Barrasso’s amendment, number 1582, to the National Defense Authorization Act. This amendment would accelerate America’s rise as a world-class exporter of natural gas, creating U.S. jobs, growing our economy, and significantly strengthening global energy security.

Technological breakthroughs in the oil and natural gas industry have unleashed an energy renaissance, establishing the United States as the world’s largest natural gas producer. We have enough natural gas to supply affordable energy domestically as well as to significantly increase U.S. participation in the global market for liquefied natural gas (LNG). Senator Barrasso’s bipartisan amendment provides the Department of Energy a meaningful deadline to make decisions on pending applications that have completed the extensive environmental review process. Advancing this amendment will institute greater certainty into the permitting process thereby accelerating investment in the U.S. economy and strengthening our strategic alliances abroad.

Since the beginning of 2005, natural gas production in the United States has increased 41 percent. The U.S. Energy Information Administration projects a 48 percent increase in total natural gas production from 2010 to 2035, and study after study agrees that expanding our export opportunities will create jobs, strengthen our economy, and enhance our national and energy security. We appreciate the hard work of Senator Barrasso and his co-sponsors and encourage members of the Senate to vote in favor of this important amendment.

Please contact us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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