



May 19, 2015

The Honorable Tom MacArthur
509 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cedric Richmond
140 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives MacArthur and Richmond:

I write on behalf of America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA) to express our support for H.R. 2295, the National Energy Security Corridors Act. Representing North America's leading independent natural gas exploration and production companies, ANGA works with industry, government, and customer stakeholders to ensure the continued availability of natural gas and to promote the increased use of this abundant domestic resource for a clean and secure energy future.

In order to ensure that the United States takes full advantage of the opportunities presented by the natural gas shale revolution, we must prioritize the enhancement of our nation's natural gas pipeline infrastructure. As pipeline developers continue to experience project delays and added costs as a result of permitting challenges, we support legislative efforts to provide greater certainty to the siting and permitting of energy infrastructure projects in a timely and cost-effective manner while maintaining a complete and appropriate opportunity for public engagement.

H.R. 2295 provides much-needed clarity to an important aspect of federal infrastructure permitting. This legislation would amend the Mineral Leasing Act to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior in siting natural gas pipeline rights-of-way across federal lands. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the House of Representatives to continue to address this issue.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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