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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 7, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20585

**Re: Request of Magnolia LNG, LLC for Extension of Start Date of Term of  
Authorization - FE Docket No. 13-132-LNG**

Dear Secretary Granholm:

We are writing to support Magnolia LNG, LLC's (Magnolia LNG) request for an extension of the start date for authorization to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) to nations with whom the United States does not have a free trade agreement (FTA).

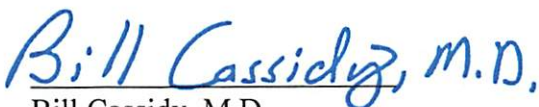
We are told on March 20, 2023, Magnolia LNG requested their non-FTA authorization start date be extended from November 30, 2023 to April 15, 2026. Since then, we understand Magnolia LNG has both supplemented its request to support their requested extension, and further clarified they are instead seeking a five-year extension, until November 30, 2028.

In approving this extension, the Department is aligning Magnolia LNG's non-FTA authorization and the current construction timeline while ensuring that the validity of the non-FTA authorization remains intact throughout the construction phase.

Additionally, we encourage the Department to clarify its LNG policy statement. Specification of the factors that will be considered for physically commencing construction as well as examples of extenuating circumstances which may delay compliance with an export commencement deadline are needed. Doing so will help provide certainty for developers and their customers who are looking to the United States as a reliable LNG supplier.

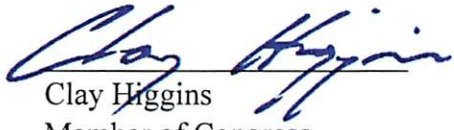
We thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Cassidy, M.D.

United States Senator

  
John Kennedy  
United States Senator

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Clay Higgins  
Member of Congress