

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, **DC** 20515–1801 April 16, 2024

Chairman Willie Phillips Federal Energy Regulatory Commission 888 First Street NE Washington, D.C. 20426

Dear Chairman Phillips,

We write in support of Venture Global's Calcasieu Pass II project (CP2) and urge the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to act and approve the permit for this project.

The CP2 project is one of the longest to ever sit before the Commission, despite having received its final Environmental Impact Statement over eight months ago. However, CP2 has met all environmental standards and regulations necessary to move forward. As an independent agency, FERC is capable of moving forward without regard to the Biden Administration's pause on issuing export authorizations for new liquified natural gas (LNG) terminals, and we ask that this project be swiftly considered and approved.

The benefits of this project are immense and in our nation's interest. This project will support global energy security by supplying clean-burning, American natural gas to the world. LNG export facilities like CP2 allow the U.S. to provide millions of people access to affordable, stable, and secure energy from a dependable ally. Further restricting the supply of American LNG in the global market will empower our adversaries and jeopardize U.S. foreign policy objectives. CP2 has already secured eight 20-year offtake agreements for Phase One of the project, including agreements with countries who are depending on this U.S. supply as they transition away from Russian gas. Without further delay, CP2 is expected to first reach LNG in 2026, making it critical that FERC act expeditiously to approve the project.

For these reasons, we ask that you realize the crucial economic, environmental, and security benefits CP2 will provide. We urge you to move forward as quickly as possible to approve this project.

Sincerely,

House Majority Leader

Member of Congress

Cc: Commissioner Mark C. Christie, Commissioner Allison Clements