



Office of the Mayor

Thurman Bill Bartie

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Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Chair, House Energy and Commerce Committee
Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr., Ranking Member House Energy and Commerce Committee
Honorable Jeff Duncan, Chair, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate & Grid Security, House
Energy and Commerce Committee
Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate & Grid Security,
House Energy and Commerce Committee

House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Honorable Members,

As Mayor of Port Arthur, Texas, I am writing to you today to express my concern about the DOE's decision to pause the approval of pending or new non-Free Trade Agreement export permit applications. Port Arthur is home to Sempra LNG, and this greatly impacts their Phase II project and our city.


Since 2015, the company has contributed more than \$3 million to community investment initiatives benefitting Port Arthur, Sabine Pass, and other Jefferson County communities. They invest in our school district, hire locally, use local contractors, and rebuild marine habits. Port Arthur LNG is vital to our community.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider your decision to pause approving pending or new non-Free Trade Agreement export permit applications and review Port Arthur LNG's Application. They have taken measures to provide cleaner energy and minimize their carbon footprint. They continue to explore opportunities to reduce the carbon intensity of the LNG produced at their facilities. Currently, they are pursuing two carbon sequestration projects that are proximal to the Cameron LNG and Port Arthur LNG sites – Hackberry Carbon Sequestration and Titan Carbon Sequestration, respectively.

Further, a pause in approving permits would be detrimental to our city, especially our school district.

I stand ready to provide any additional information or assistance you may require.

Sincerely,



Thurman Bill Bartie, Mayor