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The Honorable Cheryl LaFleur
Acting Chairman
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Dear Chairman LaFleur:

I am writing to highlight a project pending before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Dominion Cove Point project aims to export domestically-produced liquefied natural gas (LNG) to our friends and allies overseas by constructing export capacity at an existing import terminal in Maryland. The original facility was first authorized on 1972, and Dominion first filed its application for export authorization from the Department of Energy (DOE) in 2011. DOE issued a conditional license to export LNG to non-FTA countries on September 11, 2013. FERC published its Environmental Assessment (Docket No. CP13-113-000) on May 15, 2014, recommending "a finding of no significant impact." The public review and comment period terminates on June 16, 2014. The last remaining federal regulatory steps are final decisions from your agency and DOE.

As you know, I have strongly supported approving greater volumes of natural gas exports – to send a powerful signal to the world that the United States is ready to lead on energy issues. At a time of heightened risk in the international system, I firmly believe opening up our markets to friends and allies is in the public interest. A prompt decision would be in the national interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator