



Ag Energy Alliance

Representing agriculture as a producer and consumer of energy

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The Honorable Pete Domenici
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Natural Gas Legislation: OCS, LNG Siting, and Oppose Feinstein Amendment

Dear Senators Domenici & Bingaman:

As the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee continues its markup of comprehensive energy legislation, the Agriculture Energy Alliance would like to reiterate its support for policies that increase supply and decrease demand for natural gas. Specifically, we would like to encourage the Committee to include provisions that allow for natural gas production in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) and that streamline siting of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities.

The Agriculture Energy Alliance represents a broad-based coalition of growers and agribusinesses that face a looming crisis because of public policies that create demand for certain energy resources, like natural gas, while restricting access to supply sources. The farm sector depends on significant use of natural gas for food processing, irrigation, crop drying, heating farm buildings and homes, crop protection chemicals and nitrogen fertilizer production. The agricultural community can produce an abundant, affordable and healthy food supply, but we need Congress to produce the kind of policies that enable us to utilize the resources needed to produce that supply.

Additional natural gas supply is available from three primary sources: onshore and offshore production, and LNG. While there is considerable activity underway in each of these areas, the Agriculture Energy Alliance appreciates your efforts to advance off-shore production and LNG terminal and pipeline siting, both of which will assist with increasing natural gas supplies. The Alliance also requests that you oppose the Feinstein amendment, which would impede FERC's ability to expeditiously site LNG facilities. Attached please find letters that we have previously submitted further delineating our position on these issues.

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The Agriculture Energy Alliance urges Congress to act expeditiously to promote the development of domestic energy resources so important to a competitive agricultural sector. We urge the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to pass comprehensive energy policy that provides an enhanced role for development of all energy resources for a more diverse portfolio and adequate domestic supplies of natural gas. We stand ready to work with you on these extremely important policies that are critical to U.S. farmers, agribusiness and consumers.

Respectfully,

**Agribusiness Association of Iowa
Agribusiness Council of Indiana
Agricultural Council of California
Agricultural Retailers Assn.
Alabama Crop Management Assn.
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Soybean Assn.
Arkansas Plant Food Assn.
CF Industries, Inc.
CHS Inc.
California League of Food Processors
CoBank (CO)
Colorado Grain & Feed Assn.
CropLife America
Delaware Maryland Agribusiness Assn.
Diamond of California
Far West Agribusiness Assn.
Florida Fertilizer & Agrichemical Assn.
Georgia Agribusiness Council, Inc.
Georgia Feed & Grain Assn., Inc.
GROWMARK, Inc.
Hawaiian Alliance for Responsible
Technology & Science
Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Assn.
Indiana Grain & Feed Association
Indiana Plant Food & Ag Chemicals Assn.
Intermountain Farmers Assn.
Iowa Institute for Cooperatives
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Assn.
Kansas Grain and Feed Assn.
Land O' Lakes, Inc.
Louisiana Ammonia Producers
MFA Incorporated
Michigan Agri-Business Assn.
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
Missouri Ag Industries Council, Inc.**

**Montana Agricultural Business Assn.
National Association of Wheat Growers
National Barley Growers Assn.
National Chicken Council
National Corn Growers Assn.
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grain Sorghum Producers Assn.
National Grange
National Renderers Association, Inc.
National Sunflower Assn.
National Turkey Federation
Nebraska Agri-Business Assn.
North Dakota Agricultural Assn.
Oklahoma Ag Retailers
Oregon Wheat Growers League
Plant Food Association of North
Carolina, Inc.
PotashCorp
Rocky Mountain Agri-Business Assn.
South Carolina Fertilizer and
Agrichemical Assn.
South Dakota Agri-Business Assn.
Southern Crop Production Assn. (GA)
Tennessee Agricultural Production Assn.
Terra Industries
Texas Ag Industries Assn.
Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council
The Mosaic Company
The Fertilizer Institute
U.S. Canola Assn.
USA Rice Federation
Virginia Crop Production Assn.
Virginia Poultry Federation, Inc.
Wisconsin Fertilizer and Chemical Assn.**

cc: Senate Energy Committee