



March 31, 2025

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), thank you for establishing an agenda aimed at unleashing American energy at home and abroad. INGAA's members, who build and operate the natural gas pipelines necessary for moving energy around this country, are integral to helping you achieve your energy dominance goals.

We transport most of the natural gas consumed in the United States through a network of approximately 200,000 miles of interstate transmission pipelines. Our large capacity, critical infrastructure systems span multiple states or regions and deliver natural gas to local distribution companies, electricity generators, industrial manufacturers, and LNG export facilities. INGAA members want to build and expand energy infrastructure to meet growing energy demands and strengthen America's economy and national security. To facilitate additional pipeline development to continue to transport North America's abundant natural gas affordably and reliably, we are seeking to partner with your administration on the following actions.

Eliminate excessive regulatory burdens. Employing a reasonable, balanced regulatory approach through federal agencies that bolsters innovative technologies and engineering best practices is crucial. In so doing, pipeline operators can continue efforts to reduce environmental impacts from their infrastructure networks without making natural gas unaffordable and thwarting economic growth. To that end, we greatly appreciate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Zeldin's efforts to streamline environmental regulations, and the announcement to reconsider many federal air regulations of consequence to our industry. Chief among them is the flawed Good Neighbor Rule, which the U.S. Supreme Court stayed last year due to the substantial likelihood that the rule is illegal. INGAA is also pleased that the EPA will reconsider the Methane Rule for Oil & Gas (known as 'OOOOb/c'), on which we previously filed a petition with EPA seeking corrections to certain unworkable aspects. The agency will now be able to make these much-needed changes, which will result in a clear and reasonable federal methane standard for gas pipeline operators. Revisions to the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Program, reconsideration of National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs), and revising the prior administration's 'Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases', also provide opportunities to right-size federal environmental regulations while ensuring a level playing field.

Reform federal energy infrastructure permitting processes. To further unleash the ability to develop and deploy gas pipeline infrastructure, it is equally important to reform permitting processes. The U.S. needs a modernized network of natural gas infrastructure to meet our shared energy, economic, and security goals. Clear infrastructure permitting processes remain instrumental to achieving these objectives, because the current processes to site and approve new and expanded infrastructure remain slow, inefficient, and overly litigated. We applaud this administration's efforts to find means within the federal agencies and the regulatory frameworks to accelerate permitting. Additionally, we hope you and your administration will encourage Congress to enact meaningful, durable statutory reforms to expedite federal project permitting processes under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Clean Water Act and establish reasonable and consistent judicial review processes.

Provide tax relief and cost recovery. As a capital-intensive industry with extended project lead times, the gas pipeline sector thrives with a corporate tax system that incentivizes domestic infrastructure investment. To lessen tax burdens, which complicate capital formation and project deployment, the American tax system should permanently extend cost recovery provisions as enacted in your Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, including completely deducting the cost of making acquisitions of all new and used equipment, and enhanced interest depreciation. Moreover, the Inflation Reduction Act enacted corporate alternative minimum tax, which impairs pipeline operators from utilizing tax deductibility for routine repairs and maintenance costs in the year incurred as ordinary and necessary business expenses, should be repealed by Congress as part of your collective efforts to provide tax relief.

Enable a strong federal safety regulator. The U.S. Department of Transportation, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), other regulators and industry experts have agreed for decades that pipelines are the safest mode of natural gas transportation. Our member companies strive for zero accidents and incidents by evaluating, inspecting, and maintaining pipelines, which are built in compliance with exact safety regulations and engineering standards. Therefore, pipeline operators support a strong PHMSA to ensure accountability, and robust, durable, and consistent regulations, which incorporate innovative technologies that improve the safety and integrity of the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the infrastructure. As part of this collaboration, the gas pipeline sector continues to advocate for completion of the Class Location Rule and pressure testing requirements, both of which were prioritized rulemakings during your first administration. In addition, we urge you to support the congressional effort to reauthorize and fund the Office of Pipeline Safety at PHMSA.

Deepen collaboration with industry on security matters. Operators take an enterprise-wide, risk-based approach to protect their cyber and physical assets. Anchored in strong public-private partnerships with bi-directional information sharing, these efforts safeguard the well-being of citizens living and working near our facilities. In addition, the initiatives focus on avoiding or mitigating the consequences that a loss of natural gas service could have on the thousands of individuals, businesses, industries, and electric generators that rely on the fuel provided by these pipelines. Smartly constructed regulations serve an important role in reducing risk, but overly prescriptive requirements can restrain a company's ability to respond to changing threats in a nimble and responsive way. Therefore, the federal government should collaborate with stakeholders to develop and harmonize such regulatory frameworks to improve alignment and enhance critical infrastructure cybersecurity and physical security protections.

We applaud your leadership on energy issues and stand ready to work with your administration to reverse costly regulations and put in place durable policies and statutes that will allow the natural gas pipeline industry to develop the energy infrastructure necessary to deliver on the commitment of energy dominance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Andryszak", written in a cursive style.

Amy Andryszak
President and CEO

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