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

Dear President Trump,

On behalf of the thousands of companies who produce, transport, and deliver natural gas to the 189 million American homes and 5.8 million businesses that use it, the Natural Gas Council writes in support of your goal of restoring American energy dominance and to outline ways to achieve that goal.

On Day 1, you recognized that the expansion of domestic energy infrastructure is an “immediate and pressing priority for the protection of the United States’ national and economic security.” We agree, and based on our experience representing the entire natural gas value chain, have identified five actions that your administration can take to achieve our shared goal of expanding American energy infrastructure and achieving energy dominance.

1. Recommend to Congress meaningful statutory reforms of the federal permitting process.

Your Order *Unleashing American Energy* correctly found that Congress must “provide greater certainty in the Federal permitting process” and “facilitate the permitting and construction” of critical energy infrastructure, including pipelines.” Our experience building and operating natural gas infrastructure demonstrates that Congress *must* reform the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, and the judicial review of federal permits to unlock the United States’ abundant supplies of natural gas. We stand ready to work with your administration, the Director of the National Economic Council, the Director of the Office of Legislative Affairs, Council on Environmental Quality, other federal agencies, and Congress to develop recommendations that can achieve bold and meaningful reforms.

2. Revise unduly burdensome environmental regulations.

You directed the National Energy Dominance Council to identify and end practices that raise the cost of energy, including “regulatory constraints driving up the cost of reliable energy to consumers.” Environmental stewardship is important, but the prior administration at times imposed overbroad and unduly burdensome regulations that forced higher costs on consumers and threatened the reliability of American energy. We look forward to working with the Energy Dominance Council and its agency partners to fix these regulations in a durable, legally defensible manner and ensure the United States has continued access to affordable, reliable energy.

3. Restore consistency and certainty to accessing federal land.

On Day 1, you established a sound policy “to encourage energy exploration and production on Federal lands and waters, including on the Outer Continental Shelf, in order to meet the needs of our citizens and solidify the United States as a global energy leader.” To successfully implement this policy, we ask that your administration restore regularity, consistency, and certainty to the leasing process for Federal lands

and waters. Furthermore, and consistent with permitting reform, the administration and Congress should ensure that natural gas infrastructure can obtain the necessary rights of way on federal lands to expand and maintain the energy system.

4. Establish tax reforms that encourage investing in American energy infrastructure and jobs.

The natural gas industry invests in America, but we need commonsense and predictable tax laws to better facilitate continued investments. The industry provides an estimated 3.4 million jobs and reinvests capital at a rate of more than 100% of cashflow on employees, equipment, safety, and new critical infrastructure. Therefore, it is essential that complete bonus depreciation, enhanced interest deductibility, and immediate expensing of domestic research and development (R&D) expenses are maintained, along with the current competitive corporate tax rate. These provisions will help modernize our infrastructure networks, and spur the natural gas sector to make investments now and reduce our tax liability to expand operations and hire additional workers.

5. Support prompt passage of pipeline safety reauthorization legislation.

Safety is at the forefront of everything that we do. To continue to advance the safety of the more than 2.8-million-mile underground pipeline system that carries fuel across the United States, Congress must pass legislation to reauthorize and fund the Office of Pipeline Safety at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. We ask you to support efforts in Congress to pass this essential legislation promptly.

Together, we can reach our shared goal of energy dominance by increasing production of natural gas and building out the infrastructure necessary to transport the fuel from production wells to the homes and businesses that use it, while maintaining affordability and increasing reliability. We look forward to working with you and your administration to make this happen.

Sincerely,



Karen Harbert
President & CEO
American Gas Association



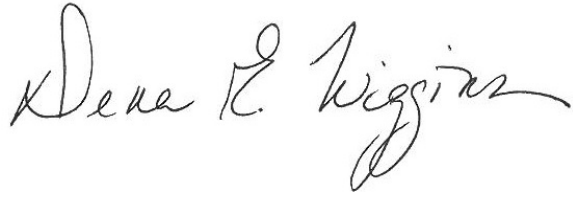
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Dena Wiggins
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