



March 23, 2010

The Honorable «First_Name» «Last_Name»
United States Senator
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Dear Senator «Last_Name»:

We want to thank you for your leadership on issues involving America's clean natural gas and encourage you to join and participate in the recently formed Senate Natural Gas Caucus. That organization was announced late last year by Sens. Mary Landrieu and Saxby Chambliss, and they are seeking to grow its membership.

Your decision to join the caucus will send a clear signal to your constituents about the importance you place on creating jobs, reducing our dependency on foreign energy sources and reducing our carbon footprint.

As you undoubtedly know, natural gas is tremendously abundant in the United States and is a source of energy that added nearly \$400 billion to the U.S. economy in 2008. The development, production, delivery and use of natural gas provides direct and indirect employment to millions of Americans, many of whom live in your state.

Your decision to join the caucus will add attention to the fact that clean natural gas is a key component in the backbone of America's manufacturing future – and American jobs. Natural gas is used to make steel, glass, chemicals, textiles, automobiles, fertilizer and more. Elements from natural gas are used to make solar panels, compact fluorescent light bulbs and energy-efficient vinyl windows. The carbon fiber wings of the newest jetliners are also made with natural gas molecules, enabling the newest aircraft to use 20 percent less fuel and pollute less.

Clean natural gas can also quickly help the United States achieve dramatic improvements in our nation's carbon reduction targets. The direct use of natural gas for home heating, water heating and cooking preserves 60 percent more usable energy than electricity for the same applications, making direct use the more efficient, cost-effective and carbon friendly choice.

Increasing the direct-use of natural gas, as well as the use of natural gas for generating electricity and fueling fleet vehicles also holds the promise of significant environmental benefits. Utilities are already choosing natural gas as the fuel of choice for new electrical needs and switching older plants to natural gas. In addition, growing global demand for cleaner-burning natural gas technology offers the prospect of rapidly expanding technology export markets for the U.S. in coming decades.

America is blessed with a tremendous and sustainable abundance of natural gas – it's produced in a majority of states – and current estimates indicate that the U.S. has domestic supplies that will last for generations.

What is surprising is that America's sources of natural gas keep growing. From shale gas discoveries onshore to new gas fields off the Gulf Coast, as well as the known potential for natural gas from Alaska, we have an energy supply that is abundant, clean and domestic. In fact, Daniel Yergin of Cambridge Energy Research Associates recently called the new shale gas reserves "simply the most significant energy innovation so far this century."

With so much going for it, we hope you will join the Senate Natural Gas Caucus. To sign up, contact Tom Michels (tom_michels@landrieu.senate.gov) or Tyler Stephens (tyler_stephens@chambliss.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



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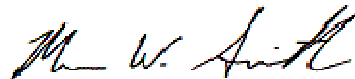
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