

September 6, 2018

The Honorable Frank Pallone
US House Committee on Energy and Commerce
237 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: In support of an amendment to provide opportunity for hearing and public input on small LNG export applications – (H.R. 4606, Ensuring Small Scale LNG Certainty and Access Act)

Dear Ranking Member Pallone:

On behalf of the Glass Packaging Institute (GPI), I want to offer our strong support for your amendment to H.R. 4606, the Ensuring Small Scale LNG Certainty and Access Act, which would provide an opportunity for hearing and public input on small LNG export applications.

GPI is the North American trade association for the glass container manufacturers, glass recyclers, and suppliers of materials, equipment and transport to the industry.

Our member companies produce the vast majority of U.S. food and beverage glass containers purchased in grocery stores and retail outlets. Collectively, the industry directly employs 14,500 Americans in the glass container manufacturing industry, at 43 plants throughout the country.

Glass container manufacturing plants operations are classified as Energy-Intensive-Trade-Exposed (EITE), and purchase considerable amounts of domestic natural gas for their furnaces and related operations. The price of natural gas has a direct impact on their ability to compete in an increasingly global supply chain market.

Department of Energy studies have consistently highlighted the potential economic impacts of LNG exports, and the repercussions

that increased LNG exports may have on the price of natural gas and electricity. Overall, the manufacturing sector consumes about 25 percent of all domestic natural gas, and that demand is increasing annually.

Your amendment takes a thoughtful approach on small LNG export applications, and its consideration of price implications for both businesses and consumers.

Thank you,

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President

Cc: Members, US House Energy and Commerce Committee