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Dear Kevin,

America's natural gas bounty just keeps delivering benefits to the economy and the environment. In 2015, natural gas supported more than **4 million jobs** across the country from production to end uses like electricity, manufacturing and the appliances in our homes and businesses. Consumers are on track to save a projected \$100 billion, or \$655 per household, from the increased use of natural gas by 2040. Now the leading source **for electricity** in the U.S., increased use of this clean fuel has helped **lower total U.S. carbon emissions** to levels not seen in almost 25 years, while carbon emissions from electricity generation are at near 30-year lows.

Now comes **a new study** confirming that even more job growth is possible through exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG). According to ICF International, increased exports of abundant U.S. natural gas could support between 220,000 and 452,000 additional American jobs and add up to \$73 billion to the U.S. economy by 2040.

And increased natural gas use around the world could help reduce global greenhouse gas emissions, just as it's driven major reductions in emissions here at home.

The study also shows that, even though more than 100 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) was produced since the last estimates four years ago, America's natural gas resource base is even larger than previously estimated – about 3,700 Tcf, which is enough to meet the nation's energy needs for 140 years. The report credits technological advances for expanding the industry's effectiveness in safely developing our vast resources.

The U.S. is projected to finish the year as a **net natural gas exporter**. That's good news for our economy and for our **allies around the world**, who are eager for access to U.S. energy to break their reliance on nations who use energy as a political weapon. And when our allies are more secure, the United States and the world are more secure.

By **increasing LNG exports**, the United States can build on the economic and environmental benefits natural gas has already delivered – creating even more American jobs and generating environmental benefits worldwide.

Sincerely,

Jack Gerard
President and CEO
API

In Power Generation, Natural Gas Defines Reliability

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