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The Honorable Rick Perry
Secretary
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Perry,

I'm writing in regards to the efforts being made by SeaOne Gulfport, LLC to obtain DOE approval to export Compressed Gas Liquid (CGL) from Gulfport, Mississippi to non-Free Trade Agreement (NFTA) countries in the Caribbean. I was concerned to learn of the Department's continued delay in granting this application, which was filed nearly two years ago. In sending this letter, I am also requesting a brief phone call to discuss the issue at hand.

The SeaOne application was filed on December 18, 2015. At the time of its application, SeaOne had already received authorization from the Department to export natural gas contained in CGL to Free Trade Agreement countries, which was granted on December 2, 2014.

It is my understanding that DOE has no legal grounds to deny SeaOne's request. Approval of the NFTA application would not increase the quantities of natural gas SeaOne is authorized to export. Moreover, the public comment period closed months ago with no opposition and no evidence which could support a determination that the proposed export is "inconsistent with the public interest."

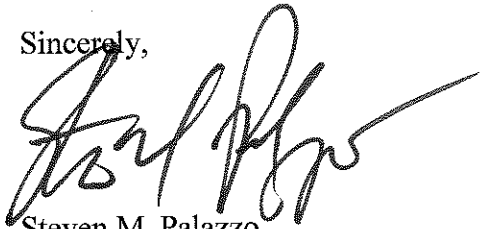
The United States has committed to assist NFTA countries in the Caribbean in their development of clean and economically sustainable energy economies. Contrary to these commitments, further delay in approving CGL exports from Gulfport could force these countries to continue their reliance on more expensive and more carbon-intensive energy sources from other countries.

SeaOne needs DOE to confirm its legal right to ship its product to non-FTA countries in the Caribbean, countries that are eager to replace heavy diesel and coal from China with Mississippi-made CGL.

To conclude, it is my opinion that DOE has a duty to issue the requested order without delay.

Thank you for your consideration of my views, and I look forward to speaking with you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Palazzo
Member of Congress

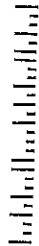
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