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The Honorable James Richard Perry
Secretary of Energy
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I enjoyed meeting with you in Morgantown, West Virginia in early July to discuss the enormous benefits from building a world-class natural gas liquid (NGL) storage and distribution hub ("Hub") in the Appalachian region. Such a hub would enhance America's energy and national security while helping to spur a manufacturing renaissance and bring jobs and economic growth to a region that has faced challenges in recent years.

The Appalachian region's vast supplies of underutilized NGLs could feed at least half a dozen large-scale petrochemical complexes, along with a number of smaller ones. Investment in a Hub would allow for growth of the supply chain in the region, creating a substantial multiplier effect. A study by the American Chemistry Council found that the creation of a Hub could enable the region to become a major zone of chemical manufacturing in the United States, attracting \$36 billion in new chemical and plastics industry investment and creating and supporting 100,000 new jobs in West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Kentucky by 2025.

We believe the U.S. Department of Energy's current loan guarantee program could be an excellent tool to help make the Appalachian Storage Hub a reality. We appreciate your interest and support for the Hub and the significant infrastructure investment and job creation benefits it would bring to the people of West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky.

The prospect of an Appalachian Storage Hub is an exciting opportunity for the region and the nation. We see it as a way to not only maintain, but advance, American competitiveness. Thank you again for meeting with us in Morgantown. If there is anything the American Chemistry Council can do to move the Appalachian Storage Hub forward, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,


Cal Dooley

