



May 18, 2020

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural  
Resources  
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural  
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Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

On behalf of the American Gas Association (AGA), I am writing to express our strong support for the Honorable Mark W. Menezes's nomination to serve as the Deputy Secretary of Energy at the United States Department of Energy (DOE).

Mr. Menezes's background in both the public and private sectors make him uniquely qualified to serve as DOE's Deputy Secretary of Energy. As the current Under Secretary of Energy at DOE, Mr. Menezes oversees our nation's energy policy and has been a leader in fueling transformative energy technologies to help ensure the United States' energy security, while also driving reductions in emissions and a cleaner environment. Prior to joining DOE, Mr. Menezes gained real-world expertise in the energy industry at Berkshire Hathaway Energy and Hunton & Williams LLP. Mr. Menezes has also served as Chief Counsel for Energy and Environment for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he was a chief negotiator resulting in the enactment of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Mr. Menezes's commitment to energy innovation, including emerging natural gas technologies, allows AGA and our members to achieve our shared goal of reducing emissions while delivering affordable and reliable energy to the nearly 180 million Americans who rely on natural gas in the United States.

AGA encourages your support in the confirmation of Mr. Menezes as the Deputy Secretary of Energy, a step that will help ensure continued clean, affordable and reliable energy to Americans across the nation. We appreciate the work your Committee has done for reliable energy access, and we look forward to our continued work together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Lowe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" being more prominent than the last name "Lowe".

George Lowe  
Vice President, Governmental Affairs and Public Policy