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The Honorable Brian Babin
Chairman
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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren
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Dear Chairman Babin and Ranking Member Lofgren,

The Natural Gas Council, on behalf of the individuals and companies who produce, transport, and deliver natural gas across the nation, writes in support of H.R. 2613, the Next Generation Pipelines Research and Development Act. This proposal would ensure continued investment in the activities and technologies that allow one of the United States' greatest assets, its nearly three million miles of natural gas pipelines, to continue to deliver critical energy during our nation's energy evolution.

While the Department of Energy (DOE) has long played a leading role in research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) initiatives, additional direction for the Department is needed to coordinate and expand these efforts with other agencies. Importantly, H.R. 2613 would establish a DOE demonstration program to deploy technologies applicable to pipelines and associated infrastructure. It would also authorize the agency, in coordination with the Department of Transportation (DOT), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and others, to launch a demonstration initiative and joint R&D program for low-to mid-technology readiness-level research projects.

Additionally, this measure would initiate a National Pipeline Modernization Center at DOE to bolster collaboration with industry and stakeholders to advance RD&D efforts to commercialize cost-effective products and procedures. It would also direct NIST, with the Department of Transportation, to conduct essential measurement research, development, and standardization to maintain the integrity, safety, security, efficiency, sustainability, and resilience of our pipeline facilities.

Natural gas pipeline infrastructure networks will be essential to achieving our shared energy, economic, security, and environmental goals. To that end, H.R. 2613 would deepen public-private partnerships and create programs that spur emerging technologies and innovative solutions to upgrade and maintain the reliability, affordability, and safety of existing infrastructure networks.

The Natural Gas Council and the companies we represent urge Congress to enact H.R. 2613 to advance our energy infrastructure investments and continue delivering natural gas to the American people.

Sincerely,



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