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The Honorable John Garamendi
2438 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Garamendi:

On behalf of the U.S. producer members of the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI), I write to express our support for the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act, your legislation that will partially require the exported crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) to be shipped on U.S.-built and U.S.-flag vessels.

The steel industry is an economically vital part of the manufacturing supply chain and the backbone of U.S. manufacturing. Steel is a critical component in virtually every military platform, and these applications require consistent, high quality domestic supply sources, as well as supply chains on which we can rely during a time of crisis. A strong domestic shipbuilding industry also has critical national security implications.

By requiring a significant portion of the iron and steel used on oil and LNG exporting vessels be U.S.-produced, your legislation supports the international competitiveness of the domestic steel industry, especially in a global marketplace that is often undermined by unfair trading practices, foreign government subsidization and overcapacity.

The Energizing American Shipbuilding Act has the potential to yield between 40 and 100 new crude oil tankers and LNG carriers, which would require an estimated 1.4 to 3.4 million tons of steel and would support between 2,200 and 5,500 steel industry jobs for one year. This is in addition to the thousands of additional jobs that would be supported by throughout the steel industry supply chain.

Thank you for introducing the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act and your continued commitment and steadfast support of the domestic steelmaking and shipbuilding industries.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Gibson".

Thomas J. Gibson

*Representing steel producers
in Canada, Mexico and the United States*