



March 23, 2023

The Honorable Tom Emmer
H-107, The Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Submitted electronically

Dear Congressman Emmer,

On behalf of the Carolinas Natural Gas Coalition (CNGC), I am writing to express our strong support for H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. CNGC represents nearly 80 companies and organizations doing business in North Carolina and South Carolina. From all parts of the natural gas industry, these companies and organizations have come together for the future of natural gas. Our mission is to promote the benefits of natural gas as a clean, affordable, and reliable source of energy.

We believe that natural gas should remain a vital part of the energy mix of the U.S. Natural gas provides a reliable and affordable source of energy that supports economic growth, job creation, and cleaner air. Furthermore, it is a flexible fuel that can be used for power generation, heating, transportation, and industrial applications.

The Carolinas are experiencing rapid population growth, and we need more natural gas infrastructure to support economic development and the power sector. As non-natural gas producing states, the growing economies of North Carolina and South Carolina will require more infrastructure. We need more assistance at the federal level to keep natural gas flowing into our states.

That is why we support H.R. 1, which includes important policy changes to the pipeline permitting process. Comprehensive permitting reform will help transport the robust domestic energy supply to areas of demand in our country, benefiting all Americans. We believe that reducing the regulatory burdens that make it harder to build major infrastructure in America is a critical step to achieving this goal.

We urge Congress to support H.R. 1 and to keep energy affordability, reliability, and security front and center for years to come. The Lower Energy Costs Act will benefit not only the natural gas industry but also the millions of Americans who depend on affordable and reliable energy.

Thank you for considering our views on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Emmer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Board Chair, Carolinas Natural Gas Coalition

About Carolinas Natural Gas Coalition (CNGC)

CNGC is an alliance of producers and suppliers, infrastructure and engineering companies, economic developers, public gas entities, environmental firms, and other allies working together to promote, protect, and advance natural gas as a vital part of the Carolinas' energy mix.

Allan Edwards Inc.	Mistras Group
American Cast Iron Pipe Company	Mountain Valley Pipeline
American Petroleum Institute (API)	NorthStar Energy Services, Inc.
B&G Pipeline Company	Patriots Energy Group
Badger Daylighting	Percheron LLC
Baldwin Consulting Group, LLC	Piedmont Natural Gas
Bartlett Controls, Inc.	Pike Gas Services
BHE GT&S	Pipeline Supply (PSSI)
Campos EPC, LLC	Rinnai
Castle	RUIZ
Cleveland Integrity Services, Inc.	S J Patterson Company, LLC
Colliers Engineering & Design	S&ME
Consolidated Pipe and Supply	SC Technology and Aviation Center
Consumer Energy Alliance	SGC Surveying
Cornerstone Energy Services, Inc.	Skoda Contracting Co.
CRC Evans	Southeast Connections (SEC)
Diversified Utility Services, LLC.	T.D. Williamson
Dominion Energy	Texican
Ed Young Sales Company (EYSCO)	The Blythe Company
Enbridge	Thomasson Mats LLC
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Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance	TRC Companies, Inc.
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ENTRUST Solutions Group	Upstate SC Alliance
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ETL2 Environmental Services, LLC	WHC Energy Services
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Integrity Assessment Group	
Jones Power	
Kleinfelder, Inc.	
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Magnolia River	
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