



March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise, Majority Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker McCarthy and Leader Scalise,

Thank you for your leadership in prioritizing the expansion of domestic energy production and delivery and for your strong support of H.R.1, the *Lower Energy Costs Act*. Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified energy delivery company that serves communities up and down the east coast with affordable, reliable, and clean natural gas.

Founded in 1859, our Company has grown to become a leader in distributing diversified domestic energy, servicing over 300,000 customers across nine states. In addition, our Company has embraced being a leading corporate citizen in the communities we operate. We have over 1,000 highly skilled employees and work with stakeholders to support responsible growth initiatives and infrastructure expansions across our service areas.

Providing safe and reliable energy to the growing communities we serve is our priority. We actively engage with our elected representatives, regulators and others as we expand and operate our systems safely and responsibly to meet growing demand for the services we provide. However, delays and costs are increasing in timely meeting that demand. Therefore, passage of H.R. 1 is critically important. Ending the delays and associated costs will allow us to lower costs for customers and continue to invest in cleaner, safer, and more reliable energy technology and infrastructure.

Specifically, the Unlocking LNG Potential Act included in H.R.1 will help to ensure the continuing national security and economic sovereignty of the United States in an ever more challenging world. Prompt and affordable access will accelerate our ability to transport and deliver cleaner domestic natural gas, reducing the world's reliance on China and Russia and continuing to lower global emissions. HR 1 will also make it easier for us to utilize LNG as a fuel for the transportation and maritime industries.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is actively working on initiatives to construct new pipeline infrastructure to transport energy to meet growing residential, commercial, industrial and power demand, as well as serving the new market growth and customer demand for LNG. In addition, we are exploring constructing a storage facility in our service territory to increase fuel capacity in order to meet demand from our customers during peak periods. We are also working with Florida's ports to evaluate the infrastructure needed to promptly provide fuel for the cruise, space and trade industries.

The costs, time, and human resources associated with the NEPA review and compliance activities has significantly increased over the years, which is why we were pleased to see the inclusion of the BUILDER Act in H.R.1. Chesapeake Utilities' interstate natural gas transmission subsidiary, Eastern Shore Natural Gas, is regulated under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which requires new infrastructure projects to undergo NEPA reviews. Streamlining the review process and reporting routines at NEPA for new infrastructure projects will improve construction timeframes and allow for increased energy delivery through our interstate natural gas transmission systems.

Finally, Chesapeake Utilities supports the repeal of Natural Gas Tax as it will continue to allow the natural gas industry to provide cost effective energy solutions for the country.

We thank you again for your consideration of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act. Congressional attention is welcomed to establish a legislative and regulatory framework which allows Chesapeake Utilities to continue and expand delivery of clean, reliable, and affordable energy to our customers. As the 118th Congress considers legislation including H.R. 1, we appreciate the opportunity to share our views with both the House and Senate and look forward to working with you as bills move forward

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Price". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Victoria Price

Government Relations Manager  
Chesapeake Utilities Corporation