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House of Representatives
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Ambassador Jamieson Greer
United States Trade Representative
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Dear Ambassador Greer,

We, the undersigned Members of Congress, commend you on your ongoing efforts to achieve reciprocal agreements with U.S. trading partners and increase market access for American producers. It is encouraging that the administration is actively committed to reducing foreign tariff- and non-tariff barriers that have disproportionately restricted American exports for far too long.

Notably, we applaud your efforts to resolve longstanding energy trade irritants with the European Union (EU), a critical ally of the United States and our largest trading partner. The EU is our largest foreign purchaser of petroleum and liquified natural gas (LNG), making the bloc an essential export market for our nation's energy industry. In addition, strengthening U.S.-EU energy trade is vital to safeguarding transatlantic economic and national security. Most recently, this connection has been underscored by American producers rising to the occasion to fuel Europe after the continent faced severe energy shortages following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

However, the EU has enacted, or is in the process of enacting, several laws that restrict exports of U.S. energy products and components. These policies, including the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), Methane Regulation, and Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) discriminate against American producers and suppliers, even as the United States maintains some of the highest environmental standards in the world for energy production. In addition to the Methane Regulation and CSDDD limiting the export of fuels like LNG and petroleum to the EU, the EU's CBAM is likely to restrict American exports of iron, steel, and aluminum that could be used to construct renewable power generation in Europe.

EU regulatory barriers for energy products contributed to the U.S.'s \$235.6 billion goods trade deficit with the European Union in 2024, which increased by nearly 13 percent compared to 2023. If the EU maintains these policies or modifies them to even further restrict American energy exports, this trade deficit will balloon even further and undermine the U.S.-EU energy partnership.

Accordingly, as the administration continues negotiating an agreement with the EU, we strongly support your efforts to alleviate these barriers and allow reciprocal treatment for American energy producers exporting to the European market. Ensuring a level playing field will allow U.S. energy exports to the EU to increase significantly – a mutually beneficial outcome for both economies.

Sincerely,



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