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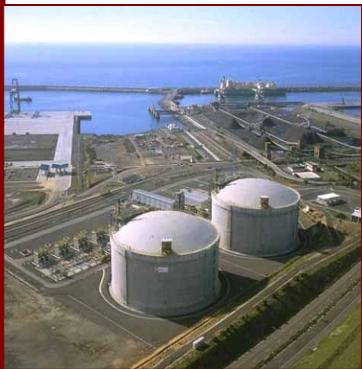
Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG)

- ◆ Hosted a House Oversight and Government Reform South Texas Energy Field Hearing in Corpus Christi, entitled, *Exploring all the Energy Option and Solutions: South Texas as a Leader in Creating Jobs and Strengthening the Economy*. Cheniere Director and CEO, Charif Souki, testified at the hearing.
- ◆ In August of 2012, authored a letter to Secretary of Energy Steven Chu urging him to take the steps necessary to expedite the approval process for the export of LNG.
- ◆ In January of 2013, authored a letter to Secretary of Energy Steven Chu advocating the Administration advance without delay the approval of LNG export permits to non-Free Trade Agreement countries.
- ◆ At a March 19, 2013 hearing of the House Oversight Subcommittee on Energy Policy, urged the Department of Energy to expedite the permitting of LNG exports.
- ◆ Founded the LNG Export Caucus in June of 2013
- ◆ In April of 2014, authored a letter to Cheryl LaFleur, Acting Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, expressing support for the Cheniere Energy Corpus Christi Liquefaction (CCL) Project in San Patricio, Texas. Letter was cosigned by a majority of the Texas Delegation.
- ◆ Hosted multiple meetings in Washington, DC and in the District with representatives from Cheniere Energy regarding LNG exports.

◆ Coauthored:

H.R. 580 - Expedited LNG for American Allies Act of 2013 – This bill amends the Natural Gas Act to deem consistent with the public interest an expedited application and approval process without modification or delay for the exportation of natural gas to a foreign country that is: (1) a nation with which there is in effect a free trade agreement requiring national treatment for trade in natural gas (as under existing law); (2) a member country of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); (3) Japan, as long as the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security between the United States and Japan remains in effect; and (4) any other foreign country if the Secretary of State determines that such exportation promotes U.S. national security interests.

H.R. 6 - Domestic Prosperity and Global Freedom Act – This bill amends the Natural Gas Act to require the expedited approval by the Federal Power Commission of applications for the export of natural gas from the United States to a World Trade Organization (WTO) member na-



Harbor Bridge Replacement Project

- ◆ Hosted a meeting with Federal Highway Administrator Vic Mendez in Corpus Christi to discuss and emphasize the importance of the Harbor Bridge project and funding options.
- ◆ Invited Representative Bill Shuster, Chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, to Corpus Christi to discuss the Harbor Bridge project, I-69 and other transportation priorities for South Texas. Meetings were attended by officials from Nueces and San Patricio County, the cities of Corpus Christi, Ingleside, Gregory and Portland along with Port of Corpus Christi Port Commissioners and officials from the Ports of Corpus Christi and Victoria.
- ◆ Multiple meeting in both DC and Texas with officials from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Commissioners and staff regarding the importance of funding for the replacement of the Harbor Bridge.
- ◆ Supported with TxDOT TIGER Grants to ensure rail funding for the Port of Corpus Christi
- ◆ Supported the Port of Corpus Christi-La Quinta Channel Extension dredging project.



South Texas Military Facilities

- ◆ Hosted Representative Mac Thornberry, Vice Chair on the House Armed Services Committee for a meeting with members of the South Texas Military Task Force. While in Corpus Christi we hosted the Vice Chairman on a tour of the Corpus Christi Army Depot where we advocated on behalf of the command and all the men and women who do an outstanding job on behalf our warfighters.
- ◆ Filed legislation and amendments that would exempt Department of Defense employees from sequester furloughs.
- ◆ Spoke on the House floor against funding cuts to the Corpus Christi Army Depot while defending the great work being done there.
“This week, I took to the House floor to express my concern on the reduction of funding for Army Depots and Arsenal in the Defense Appropriations bill. I have the honor of representing the Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD), which saved taxpayers \$47 million dollars in 2011, by repairing and overhauling battle damaged UH-60 Blackhawks. In these tough economic times, we need to save money where we can and the Depot saves costs. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and the Senate to ensure that CCAD continues to play a vital role in maintaining the readiness of our military.”
- ◆ Participates as a member of the South Texas Military Task Force, severing as a host for several of the meetings in the Washington.
- ◆ Arranged meetings with various City, County and Chamber officials in Washington and Texas regarding the importance of the Military Installations in the District.
- ◆ Authored multiple letters of support for CCAD projects which would update and modernize their facilities.
- ◆ Co-authored a letter with Rep. Filemon Vela to Defense Secretaries Leon Panetta and Chuck Hagel which highlight the importance of NAS-CC, NAS Kingsville and CCAD.
- ◆ Authored a letter of support on behalf of the City and CCAD to get the T-6 Trainers delivered on time and complete.
- ◆ Included language in a T&I markup to move the US Coast Guard facilities to the Corpus Christi airport opening room for expansion and growth for CCAD at NASCC.
- ◆ Authored a letter to General Services Administration Commissioner Dorothy Robyn demanding the GSA resolve issues with the City of Corpus Christi and CC Airport to negotiate terms for the development of the new Coast Guard facility relocation to the airport.
- ◆ Meet quarterly with Command structure for NASCC, CCAD and CINTRA.

Port of Corpus Christi

- ◆ Founded the Congressional Texas Maritime Caucus to promote and educate Congressional Members on the importance of Texas Ports and Waterway Districts.
- ◆ Voted for H.R. 3080, Water Resources Reform Development Act to ensure the needs of the Nation and Texas Ports & Waterway Districts. The 27th District includes 5 Ports and a portion of the GIWW.
- ◆ Authored multiple letters of support for federal grants the Port has applied for regarding their priority projects.

Congressional Caucuses

Texas Maritime Caucus

The mission of the Texas Maritime Caucus is to promote Texas ports and waterway districts, illustrate the importance of the ports and waterways to areas of the state and nation beyond the Gulf of Mexico, and advocate for changes in current law to facilitate optimal import and export of cargo and the transportation of passengers.

Congressional I-69 Caucus

The mission of the bipartisan Interstate 69 caucus is to raise awareness of the strategic importance of I-69 as a freight corridor. The members of the caucus are working together to advance the development of I-69, and enhance the regional mobility, and the safety of the traveling public.

Liquefied Natural Gas Export Caucus

The mission of the Liquefied Natural Gas Exports Caucus is to promote the development and timely exportation of Liquefied Natural Gas, encourage a regulatory environment that encourages the production and exportation of LNG; and match supply and demand to create a secure and stable environment for natural gas producers and users.

Legislation

On February, 12th 2014, the President signed Congressman Farenthold's bill, H.R. 2860, the OPM IG Act, into law. This new law provides much-needed oversight of the \$2 billion Office of Personnel Management (OPM) revolving fund that federal agencies pay into for Human Resources services, including federal background checks. Specifically, this law requires the OPM to budget up to .33% for internal investigation and requires audits of this fund by the OPM's Inspector General.

According to the Sunlight Foundation, only about 4% of bills introduced become Law.

On November 13, 2013, the House of Representatives passed Congressman Farenthold's bill, H.R. 982, the Furthering Asbestos Claim Transparency (FACT) Act of 2013. This bill strengthens the Asbestos Trust System by promoting transparency to combat the fraud and abuse that currently plague the system. The bill amends Section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code to require asbestos trusts to file quarterly reports with the bankruptcy court that detail claimants' names, the amount paid to each claimant and the basis for such payment. This will allow parties to compare claims and prevent fraudulent or duplicate filings, and preserve the trust funds for deserving victims.

On July 31, 2013, the House of Representatives passed Congressman Farenthold's bill, H.R. 313, the Government Spending Accountability Act of 2013. This bill cuts waste, fraud, and abuse and increases transparency and accountability on federal government travel by instituting caps on what can be spent on conferences. The bill also requires federal agencies to post detailed information about their conferences on their website.



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