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Attached is a corrected January 24, 2013 letter from Governor Mead. Please disregard the first letter. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Melissa Martinez

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Attached please find Governor Mead's February 24th letter to Secretary Chin.

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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I appreciate the Department of Energy (DOE) commissioning the studies *Macroeconomic Impacts of Increased Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Exports from the United States* and *The Effect of Increased Natural Gas Exports on Domestic Energy Markets*. The studies illustrate an appropriate and progressive role for the DOE in fulfilling its responsibilities under the Natural Gas Act. The studies make a case for allowing the market to determine the forward course for infrastructure projects.

These economic analyses also quantify the benefits of increased LNG exports on domestic supply and demand indicating a net economic benefit to the United States through the export of fossil fuels. Wyoming, along with other energy states, will realize increased production, jobs and revenue.

The complex relationships among both competing and complimentary interests make economic forecasting a difficult art. We must remain mindful of market volatility and the integral relationship between natural gas consumers, agriculture and manufacturing. That said, the studies correctly point out – one remedy to imbalance is increased production. The country

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would be well served by policy leaders reviewing federal land management policies and making necessary adjustments to allow increased production.

These studies should support and expedite DOE review and approval of LNG terminals. I support this course of action.

Thank you, Secretary, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matthew H. Mead
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Mike Enzi, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Cynthia Lummis, U.S. House of Representatives