

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Senator Mary Landrieu
703 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Landrieu,

We once again encourage you to oppose the nomination of Ms. Rhea Suh for Assistant Secretary of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks at the U.S. Department of Interior. A majority of the Louisiana Delegation wrote you and Senator Vitter on February 11, 2014 outlining our concerns over her nomination and the expanded role she would have overseeing policies that have the potential to harm energy production and private landowners within Louisiana. Your response on February 12, 2014 did not address your position on this nomination. We are attaching both letters for your reference and encourage you, as one of your first acts as chair of the U.S. Senate Committee Energy and Natural Resources, to oppose the nomination of Ms. Suh.

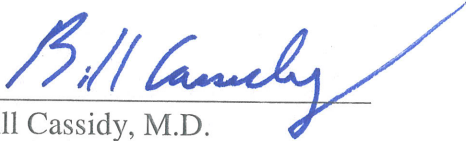
Ms. Suh has called natural gas production the “**single greatest threat**” to our environment. By her own account, Ms. Suh was involved in all the major policy priorities under Secretary Salazar and Secretary Jewell, which includes **the moratorium on energy development in the Gulf of Mexico**. In addition, the policy decisions of this Administration have led to a decrease in natural gas production last year by 13 percent in the Gulf of Mexico and 9 percent on other federal lands. Now, the Department of Interior is considering new regulation on hydraulic fracturing. If these new rules follow the historical trends of this Administration, Louisiana’s energy sector has reason to be concerned.

A 2013 study by the LSU Center for Energy Studies projected that more than 214,000 jobs will be created by new unconventional energy production in Louisiana by 2019. An estimated \$47 billion in capital expenditure investment will be allocated to new and existing energy infrastructure projects in Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis Parishes. This investment could bring \$9.3 billion in additional wages for Louisiana workers.

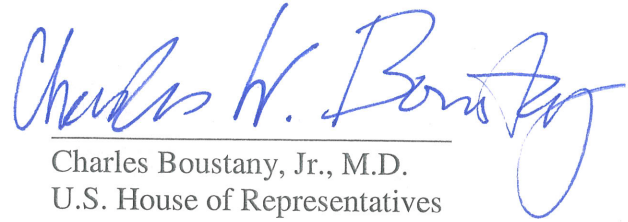
In fact, testimony from the LNG export hearing held yesterday in the Senate Energy Committee further reinforces the positive impact greater natural gas production will have on domestic job growth and on curtailing Russia’s monopoly as a fuel supplier in certain foreign markets. Dr. David Montgomery testified that the construction of liquefaction capacity needed to support LNG exports “would create a peak of 2,000 to 40,000 onsite jobs, largely in the Gulf Coast region and in the critical years between now and 2018.” Mr. David Goldwyn testified that “a clear signal from the U.S. that LNG exports will be available to European allies for future purchase would put immediate pressure on Russia’s market share.” We are not sure why the Committee would hold a hearing supporting LNG exportation and development, and two days later advance a nominee in the Interior Department that could obstruct energy job growth and production.

Studies and witness testimony overwhelmingly support the call for greater natural gas production. Clearly, voting for a nominee who called natural gas production “the single greatest threat” is the wrong direction for Louisiana and America. On behalf of our constituents, we again urge to you oppose the nomination of Ms. Rhea Suh.

Sincerely,



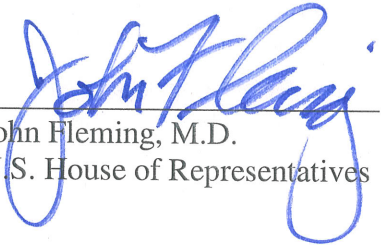
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