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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski, Chair
The Honorable Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Murkowski and Cantwell:

The Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA), a trade organization that advocates regulatory and legislative positions of importance to the natural gas pipeline industry in the United States, writes to express support for the nomination of Bill Cooper to serve as General Counsel at the Department of Energy (DOE) in advance of his confirmation hearing on August 16. INGAA is comprised of 28 members, representing the vast majority of the interstate natural gas transmission pipeline companies in the United States.

The cleanest burning fossil fuel, natural gas is an essential component of our energy mix. It heats 76 million homes, generates 30 percent of the nation's electricity, and is used by manufacturers in a wide variety of processes. INGAA is confident that Mr. Cooper not only recognizes the importance of natural gas to our energy future, but also the necessity of expanding and maintaining the pipeline infrastructure that connects domestically produced natural gas to markets.

Mr. Cooper has substantial experience with natural gas and energy matters generally, having served as counsel to the House Energy and Commerce Committee, staff director for the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, and as president of the Center for Liquefied Natural Gas.

We are encouraged by the Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee's expeditious schedule in setting a hearing for Mr. Cooper and urge his swift confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Don F. Santa".

Donald F. Santa

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