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The Honorable Brian Mast
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gregory Meeks
Ranking Member, Committee on Foreign Affairs
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Re: H.R. 7037, Developing Overseas Mineral Investments and New Allied Networks for Critical Energies Act

Dear Chairman Mast and Ranking Member Meeks:

LNG Allies (The USLNG Association) is a Washington, DC-based trade association representing the full spectrum of the USLNG export industry—producers, developers, infrastructure providers, and international trade partners. We write in support of H.R. 7037, the Developing Overseas Mineral Investments and New Allied Networks for Critical Energies Act (DOMINANCE Act), introduced by Rep. Young Kim and a bipartisan group of colleagues and urge the Committee to advance this legislation at tomorrow's markup.

While we strongly support the bill's critical minerals provisions, which address a well-documented strategic vulnerability, we write principally on behalf of the USLNG export industry and its allied energy security mission. The Energy Security Compacts authorized under Title II and the State Department energy diplomacy architecture established under Title III are directly relevant to the future of USLNG exports as a tool of U.S. statecraft.

The United States exported 117 mtpa of LNG in 2025, thus becoming the first country to breach the 100 mtpa threshold. Moreover, USLNG capacity is projected to exceed 200 mtpa by 2030, roughly 1.4 times Qatar's projected output at that date. LNG Allies currently tracks 130 signed long-term USLNG export contracts across 72 companies in 26 countries. Clearly, the commercial foundation is in place.

What is not yet fully settled is the diplomatic architecture to match it. America's European and Indo-Pacific allies have made clear that durable supply arrangements backed by long-term contracts and/or equity investment in U.S. projects would be strengthened by government-to-government frameworks that signal continuity across administrations. The Energy Security Compact mechanism in H.R. 7037 is precisely the instrument that can

anchor those relationships and help assure our allies that commercial momentum is matched by lasting, strategic, government to government partnerships.

The creation of the Assistant Secretary for Energy Security and Diplomacy, elevating this function within the State Department, sends an important signal to allies, private investors, and strategic competitors alike: the United States treats energy security as a sustained foreign policy priority, not a crisis-response afterthought. We strongly endorse this institutional design.

We respectfully urge the Committee to promptly approve H.R. 7037 and advance it to the full House for further consideration.

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