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Dear Senator Cornyn:

Thank you for introducing S. 1685, the Launching Energy Advancement and Development through Innovations for Natural Gas (LEADING) Act of 2019.

America needs forward-thinking legislation that tackles climate change, technological innovation, continued economic growth and American leadership. Accelerating research into commercially-viable carbon capture technology is a real-world solution that addresses energy challenges while simultaneously promoting American energy excellence and growth.

NOIA believes that this bill is part of a sea change in attitudes towards energy production and sustainability. Bipartisan solutions – not breathless politicking – are the path to a cleaner and more prosperous tomorrow. America leads the world in ingenuity and innovation. There is no reason why we cannot lead the way in climate solutions, while remaining the global leader in energy production. America can have the best of both worlds.

NOIA members are no strangers to innovative revolutions. From enabling the U.S. surge to become the top oil and natural gas producer in the world to helping the U.S. to lead the world in the reduction of GHG emissions to building a new American offshore wind industry, NOIA members have continuously led our nation forward. The lesson from these achievements is that technology, not energy prohibition, will lead to actionable and sustainable climate solutions.

The U.S. and the world will rely upon an “all-of-the-above” energy mix for decades to come. Offshore energy has been the backbone of U.S. production for decades, and NOIA member companies work together on daily basis to provide the fuel that is essential for a high quality of life. Through a balanced approach, we can produce the energy essential for lifting society and do so in an environmentally sustainable way.

The path to climate solutions will be dependent upon a diverse range of solutions. It will not occur overnight, but the offshore energy industry will play a lead role in advancing the technologies to meet our energy challenges. This bill is a tremendous start and deserves consideration and debate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik Milito".

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