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The Honorable Jerrold Nadler U.S. House of Representatives 2132 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Nadler:

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cc: Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House

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The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries U.S. House of Representatives 2433 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Jeffries:

On behalf of the half-million members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), we are outraged to see yet another natural gas expansion project being used as a pawn for political gain. It goes without saying that the Delegation letter that you recently signed opposing the Northeast Supply Enhancement project (NESE) represents another ill-informed and poorly thought-out policy position. Opposing natural gas and projects like this will lead to fewer middle-class jobs, higher energy prices for those who can least afford them, more environmental degradation, and a further schism between Congressional Democrats and the workers who are trying to provide for their families and their future.

Since the Great Recession, LIUNA's largest growth in work for our members has been the energy sector, much of it in the pipeline sector, predominantly because of the growth in development of the nation's natural gas sector. These work hours are generated by private investments from companies who have decided to use the highly trained and skilled workers of the four major pipeline crafts. These jobs provide good wages, health care benefits, a defined benefit pension, and skills training for new entrants into the workforce, as well as continuing education and training for existing workers so that they can continue to compete against a global workforce.

It is unfortunate that you and some of your colleagues repeatedly drone false talking points written by the environmental fringe to advance a radical agenda which doesn't create a single job or lower energy costs. Your rejection of incremental progress on environmental stewardship, job creation, and transitioning the United States economy to an environmentally sustainable future is actually setting back the progress we have been making steadily on climate change for the past decade. We need to be thoughtful about our energy policy and not just reactionary and radical without thinking of the real world consequences and what actually makes sense to provide needed energy to the American people while addressing the challenges of climate change. Opposing projects like the NESE is not the solution.



Since the beginning of the 116th Congress, we have received many solicitations to attend dozens of fundraisers to help your reelection, even though you and most of your colleagues who signed the letter have not faced a serious challenge for quite some time. In other words, you are opposed to the jobs that help LIUNA engage politically, but you want our political support? This is cynicism at its best.

I request that you stop playing politics with our members' jobs. I am sending a copy of this letter to every member in your district so that they can be aware of this job killing effort that you helped lead. LIUNA will continue to support the Northeast Supply Enhancement project so our members can go to work, and New York citizens can continue to access cleaner, affordable energy.

Sincerely yours,

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