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May 13, 2015

W. Brian White, Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee
223 Blatt Building, 1105 Pendleton St.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman White,

I represent the Trident CEO Council, a group of executives from the Tri-County Region employing in excess of 10,000 associates in the local community, advocating a culture to **STAND FOR PROGRESS** in our Lowcountry Region.

We would like to state that our Council supports the Natural Gas Pipeline Initiative Act that Representative Samuel Rivers introduced in March. We believe that this Act will encourage and incentivize even more affordable clean energy into our state, especially to our industrial parks.

We encourage you and your committee to support this Natural Gas Expansion initiative to successful completion as rapidly as possible to continue to "fuel the growth" of our SC Economic Development, especially to our industrial parks. It will make SC's industrial parks more competitive with our neighboring states and recruit more industries.

Respectfully and supportively,



Tom Leonard
Executive Director,
Trident CEO Council

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