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Chairman Rand Paul
Ranking Member Gary Peters
United States Senate
Homeland Security & Government Affairs Committee
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Paul and Ranking Member Peters:

We write in regard to President Trump's nomination of Mr. Sean Plankey to serve as the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). On behalf of the American Gas Association, the American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers, the American Petroleum Institute, GPA Midstream, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, and the Liquid Energy Pipeline Association, it is our pleasure to offer our full support for this highly qualified nominee.

Collectively, we have had many opportunities to collaborate with CISA on multiple critical outreach initiatives related to the U.S. energy sector. CISA has proven to be an invaluable partner, and its efforts in cyber security stand as a national model for effective information sharing. We are confident that Mr. Plankey possesses the character, leadership, and determination necessary to strengthen and guide the agency during this pivotal time.

Mr. Plankey is an individual of exceptional integrity and deep commitment to national security. A decorated former U.S. Coast Guard Officer, he served our nation with distinction, earning a Bronze Star. His extensive experience includes leadership positions at U.S. Cyber Command and the National Security Council. Notably, during his tenure at the Department of Energy, he co-authored the National Maritime Cybersecurity Plan, which was later signed by President Trump. The maritime sector is integral to the safe and reliable operation of the oil and natural gas domestic and global supply chains, so we look forward to his continued leadership in cyber security for all critical infrastructure modes.

In summary, Mr. Plankey is intelligent, dedicated, and highly capable. He brings the experience and vision essential for this critical role, and we are steadfast in our endorsement of his nomination. We respectfully urge you to give this nomination your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

American Gas Association

American Fuel and Petrochemical Manufacturers

American Petroleum Institute

GPA Midstream

Interstate Natural Gas Association of America

Liquid Energy Pipeline Association