

February 22, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

The Treasury Department's pending decision regarding the 45V tax credit will have important ramifications on the future development of hydrogen energy. That's why I encourage the Treasury Department to include provisions that would specifically account for the carbon intensity of natural gas.

The current proposal, which does not differentiate between types of natural gas, forecloses a safe, proven method of producing hydrogen and could jeopardize dozens of natural gas hydrogen projects that are already being developed in the Mid-Atlantic region and across the country. These projects are critical to building a cleaner, resilient energy future.

Allowing hydrogen producers to use the actual emissions data for natural gas would incentivize the adoption of innovative technologies, including carbon capture and storage, and spur additional competition that will drive down prices and expand market opportunities. With low-carbon natural gas, we have an abundant feedstock and the existing infrastructure to scale the production of hydrogen, preserve jobs in the energy industry and improve the environment. With effective implementation, the 45V tax credit can accelerate hydrogen production with low-carbon natural gas to meet our state and national climate goals.

In a global energy marketplace, it is important that hydrogen producers have the tools and resources they need to compete.

The New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce ("State Chamber") respectfully urges you to adopt regulations that include the use of low-carbon natural gas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Michael A. Egenton'.

Michael A. Egenton  
Executive Vice President  
New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce

