

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Johnson, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

We write regarding the Biden Administration's recent announcement to pause new liquefied natural gas (LNG) export approvals while the administration conducts additional reviews of the permitting process. This deeply concerning decision puts threatens national security, the economy, and clean energy goals.

In the wake of Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine in 2021, our European allies have nearly tripled their import of U.S. LNG while significantly reducing their reliance on Russian natural gas. This has cemented the United States' status as the top exporter of LNG in the world. The U.S. natural gas industry supports more than 10 million American jobs and supported nearly \$1.8 trillion in U.S. gross domestic product in 2021. The Department of Energy has also confirmed that American LNG is up to 30% cleaner than Russian natural gas, and if we do not fulfill the demand for LNG and let other countries like Russia control the markets, emissions will continue to rise.

Given these grave concerns, we request that the final Fiscal Year 2024 Energy and Water Appropriations Act include bill language prohibiting funds from being used to modify, alter, or change the public interest review standards or permitting and approval procedures for the export of LNG. Therefore, we support the following language to be included:

"No funds made available by this Act may be used to modify, alter, or change the public interest review standards or permitting and approval procedures for the export of liquefied natural gas under Sec. 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act of 1938."

Thank you for the consideration of our request. We look forward to working with you to defend our allies and partners, support the American economy, and work towards reducing global emissions.

Respectfully,



Carol D. Miller
Member of Congress



Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress



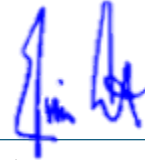
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