

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7176

AN ACT

To repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural
gas.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Unlocking our Domes-
3 tic LNG Potential Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.**

5 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);

8 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
9 subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

10 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
11 section (c), and moving such subsection after sub-
12 section (b), as so redesignated;

13 (4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by
14 amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) The
15 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (in this sub-
16 section referred to as the ‘Commission’) shall have
17 the exclusive authority to approve or deny an appli-
18 cation for authorization for the siting, construction,
19 expansion, or operation of a facility to export nat-
20 ural gas from the United States to a foreign country
21 or import natural gas from a foreign country, in-
22 cluding an LNG terminal. In determining whether to
23 approve or deny an application under this para-
24 graph, the Commission shall deem the exportation or
25 importation of natural gas to be consistent with the
26 public interest. Except as specifically provided in

1 this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect
2 otherwise applicable law related to any Federal
3 agency’s authorities or responsibilities related to fa-
4 cilities to import or export natural gas, including
5 LNG terminals.”; and

6 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 section:

8 “(d)(1) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of
9 the President under the Constitution, the International
10 Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
11 seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et
12 seq.), part B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conserva-
13 tion Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the
14 Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), or any other provi-
15 sion of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or
16 foreign government (including any provision of law that
17 prohibits or restricts United States persons from engaging
18 in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),
19 including a country that is designated as a state sponsor
20 of terrorism, to prohibit imports or exports.

21 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘state sponsor of ter-
22 rorism’ means a country the government of which the Sec-
23 retary of State determines has repeatedly provided sup-
24 port for international terrorism pursuant to—

1 “(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Con-
2 trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));

3 “(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
4 Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

5 “(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act
6 (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

7 “(D) any other provision of law.”.

 Passed the House of Representatives February 15,
2024.

Attest:

Clerk.

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