AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7688
OFFERED BY MR. KELLER OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SUPPORTING DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES VIA DRILLING.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

(1) It is in the national security interests of the United States to maintain a strong domestic energy supply.

(2) The timely delivery of affordable energy domestically and internationally requires an advanced and robust domestic energy supply chain.

(3) Energy workers and businesses require clear and supportive Federal policy to adequately maintain and develop the domestic energy supply chain to meet growing energy needs.

(4) The Biden administration has taken steps, through executive action as well as in rhetoric, to limit American drillers’ ability to develop the strategic oil and natural gas resources of the United States.
(5) All the $900,000,000 deposited annually into the Land and Water Conservation Fund is derived from Federal oil and gas leasing.

(6) As of April 29, 2022, crude oil in the Strategic Petroleum Reserve fell to 550,000,000 barrels, which is the lowest level since August 2002.

(7) Recent technological advances in energy resource exploration, drilling, completion, and production have led to unprecedented levels of efficiency and emissions reductions.

(8) Each oil and natural gas drilling rig in the United States can facilitate the production of over 1,000,000 barrels of oil and between 5,000,000,000 and 10,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas in the first year from the wells it drills over a 12-month period.

(9) Increased production and use of American natural gas have helped the United States reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 22 percent from 2005 levels.

(10) The COVID–19 pandemic and ensuing economic downturn have devastated the United States upstream energy sector, which now faces a crippling shortage within its workforce.
(b) Sense of Congress.—It is the sense of Congress that the United States should support, through rhetoric and policy, the responsible development of hydrocarbons via drilling, including by—

1. repealing administrative precedent that limits the exploration, drilling, and production of domestic natural resources on Federal lands, both onshore and offshore;

2. clearly defining to the public the relationship drilling has to future production and delivery of energy resources; and

3. incentivizing workforce development in the domestic energy industry of the United States.