

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

At the end, add the following:

1 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND SENSE OF CONGRESS ON SUP-**
2 **PORTING DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY RE-**
3 **SOURCES VIA DRILLING.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

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

8 (2) The timely delivery of affordable energy do-
9 mesticallly and internationally requires an advanced
10 and robust domestic energy supply chain.

11 (3) Energy workers and businesses require clear
12 and supportive Federal policy to adequately main-
13 tain and develop the domestic energy supply chain to
14 meet growing energy needs.

15 (4) The Biden administration has taken steps,
16 through executive action as well as in rhetoric, to
17 limit American drillers' ability to develop the stra-
18 tegic oil and natural gas resources of the United
19 States.

1 (5) All the \$900,000,000 deposited annually
2 into the Land and Water Conservation Fund is de-
3 rived from Federal oil and gas leasing.

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

7 (7) Recent technological advances in energy re-
8 source exploration, drilling, completion, and produc-
9 tion have led to unprecedented levels of efficiency
10 and emissions reductions.

11 (8) Each oil and natural gas drilling rig in the
12 United States can facilitate the production of over
13 1,000,000 barrels of oil and between 5,000,000,000
14 and 10,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas in the
15 first year from the wells it drills over a 12-month pe-
16 riod.

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

21 (10) The COVID–19 pandemic and ensuing
22 economic downturn have devastated the United
23 States upstream energy sector, which now faces a
24 crippling shortage within its workforce.

1 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that the United States should support, through rhet-
3 oric and policy, the responsible development of hydro-
4 carbons via drilling, including by—

5 (1) repealing administrative precedent that lim-
6 its the exploration, drilling, and production of do-
7 mestic natural resources on Federal lands, both on-
8 shore and offshore;

9 (2) clearly defining to the public the relation-
10 ship drilling has to future production and delivery of
11 energy resources; and

12 (3) incentivizing workforce development in the
13 domestic energy industry of the United States.

