

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. JOHNSON OF OHIO

At the appropriate place in title XVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18___. UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL.**

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

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

5 (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as
6 subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

7 (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
8 section (e), and moving such subsection after sub-
9 section (b), as so redesignated;

10 (4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by
11 amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) The
12 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (in this sub-
13 section referred to as the ‘Commission’) shall have
14 the exclusive authority to approve or deny an appli-
15 cation for authorization for the siting, construction,
16 expansion, or operation of a facility to export nat-
17 ural gas from the United States to a foreign country
18 or import natural gas from a foreign country, in-

1 cluding an LNG terminal. In determining whether to
2 approve or deny an application under this para-
3 graph, the Commission shall deem the exportation or
4 importation of natural gas to be consistent with the
5 public interest. Except as specifically provided in
6 this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect
7 otherwise applicable law related to any Federal
8 agency’s authorities or responsibilities related to fa-
9 cilities to import or export natural gas, including
10 LNG terminals.”; and

11 (5) by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

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

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

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

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

9 “(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act
10 (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

11 “(D) any other provision of law.”.

