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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 2025”.

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:

15 “(1) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (in
16 this subsection referred to as the ‘Commission’) shall have
17 the exclusive authority to approve or deny an application
18 for authorization for the siting, construction, expansion,
19 or operation of a facility to export natural gas from the
20 United States to a foreign country or import natural gas
21 from a foreign country, including an LNG terminal. In
22 determining whether to approve or deny an application
23 under this paragraph, the Commission shall deem the ex-
24 portation or importation of natural gas to be consistent
25 with the public interest. Except as specifically provided in
26 this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect otherwise

1 applicable law related to any Federal agency’s authorities
2 or responsibilities related to facilities to import or export
3 natural gas, including LNG terminals.”; and

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

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

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

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

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