

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 7061

To amend the Natural Gas Act to require that a certification issued by the Secretary of Energy be in effect in order to export natural gas to a covered nation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 14, 2026

Ms. ELFRETH (for herself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. HUFFMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting American
5 Energy Security Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR EXPORTS OF NAT-**
7 **URAL GAS TO COVERED NATIONS.**

8 Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
9 is amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(g) CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN EX-
2 PORTS.—No person shall export any natural gas from the
3 United States to a covered nation (as such term is defined
4 in section 4872(f) of title 10, United States Code) without
5 having in effect, in addition to an order authorizing such
6 export issued under subsection (a), a certification issued
7 by the Secretary of Energy that such export would be in
8 the public interest. Upon issuance, such a certification
9 shall be in effect for a period of one year unless the Sec-
10 retary of Energy revokes the certification prior to the con-
11 clusion of such period.”.

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