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Congressman Ed Whitfield  
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To The Honorable Congressman Whitfield,

On behalf of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association and its 3,100 members involved in all aspects of the exploration, production and development of crude oil and natural gas resources within the State of Ohio, I am writing to express support for ending the ban on crude oil exports in the United States. It is my understanding this will be an issue discussed at the March 3rd hearing of the United States House Committee on Energy and Commerce entitled "21st Century Energy Markets: How the Changing Dynamics of World Energy Markets Impact our Economy and Energy Security."

This ban on exportation dates back to 1975 when Congress banned the sale of crude oil in response to the Arab oil embargo. Since then, thanks to technological improvements, Ohio and the U.S. have undergone an energy renaissance and our oil and natural gas production has increased dramatically. In fact, the U.S. has surpassed both Russia and Saudi Arabia as the largest global producer of crude oil and natural gas liquids by volume.

According to IHS Energy, ending the ban would "add investment of nearly \$750 billion," and potentially \$995 billion in the upstream exploration and production sector. Furthermore, "the higher U.S. oil production resulting from a lifting of the ban will [...] increase GDP by \$135 billion." The impact of lifting the ban on crude oil exports would be beneficial for the U.S. economy, workers, and consumers. According to ICF International: "U.S. federal, state, and local tax receipts attributable to GDP increases from expanding crude oil exports could reach \$13.5 billion in 2020."

Concerns about the ability of the U.S. to produce enough oil and gas are a thing of the past. The EIA estimates that U.S. total crude oil production averaged 7.5 million barrels per day in 2013, an increase of 950,000 barrels per day from the previous year, driven largely by growth in tight oil production.



Finally, ending the ban will help protect America's energy security. Export of U.S. crude oil will increase America's energy independence by encouraging continued investment in – and development of – resources here at home, making America's new energy abundance a permanent part of the nation's energy and economic landscape. Ending the ban also provides energy security for our global allies, who will no longer need to source energy solely from volatile regions of the world.

The facts are clear – ending the ban on the exportation of crude will only benefit Ohio, the United States, and our allies. The increase in capital investment resulting from lifting the ban would permeate all levels of America's economy and provide a significant economic boost to a slowly recovering economy. I urge you and your colleagues to reconsider the ban on crude oil exports.

Sincerely,



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