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The Honorable Fred Upton  
Chairman  
Energy and Commerce  
Committee  
2125 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ed Whitfield  
Chairman  
Energy and Power  
Subcommittee  
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The Honorable Joe Barton  
Energy and Power  
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Dear Congressman Upton, Whitfield and Barton,

On behalf of our more than 7.2 million senior supporters nationwide, the 60 Plus Association strongly endorses HR 702, legislation which seeks to revise the 40-year ban on American exports of crude oil. Energy independence is a pillar to maintaining America's national and economic strength, and this goal is best served through updating the laws and regulations which restrict global energy markets. As the U.S. is now the world's leading producer of oil, outdated laws which impede and impair energy markets hurt our economy and national ambitions to be a full participant in worldwide energy trade.

Passage of HR 702 will create more than 100,000 jobs and help lower the cost of domestic energy through the efficiency of the free-market. With so many seniors facing dire economic circumstances, a stronger economy and lower energy prices will vastly improve the health and well-being of our nation's elderly.

We thank Congressman Joe Barton (R-TX) for championing this important cause, and addressing antiquated federal rules which now only serve to hurt the public and limit our nation's economic and energy potential.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kandrach  
Vice President