



September 10, 2015

Dear Representative Barton:

On behalf of more than two and a half million Americans for Prosperity activists in all 50 states, I write in support of your legislation repealing the outdated ban on crude oil exports ([H.R. 702](#)). Repealing this outdated government mandate will spur economic growth and allow Americans to benefit from affordable and reliable energy.

The crude oil export ban came about from poor decision making during the energy crisis of the 1970s. The flawed rationale was that the ban would keep domestic oil prices low and boost economic growth. History and economic studies show the opposite is true. For far too long, this misguided policy has restricted the full potential of America's oil industry to create jobs and economic prosperity.

Studies consistently show the benefits of repealing the ban. NERA Economic Consulting estimates repealing it would inject between \$600 billion and \$1.8 trillion into the domestic economy, and national unemployment would fall by an average of 200,000 jobs between 2015 and 2020. The Aspen Institute found repealing it would increase household income between \$2,000 and \$3,000 by 2025. The U.S. Energy Information Administration concluded repeal would not raise gasoline prices and may even lower them.

AFP proudly supports repeal of the crude oil export ban ([H.R. 702](#)) as a key element of our Reform America 2015 agenda. This would be an easy way for Congress to create jobs and put money back into the pockets of consumers. We encourage you to reject efforts to use this legislation as a vehicle for special interest handouts like the wind Production Tax Credit. Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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