

115TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4605

To repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2017

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. FLORES, Mr. CUELLAR, and Mr. RYAN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Unlocking Our Domes-  
5       tic LNG Potential Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. IMPORT AND EXPORT OF NATURAL GAS.**

7       Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)  
8       is amended—

9               (1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);

1           (2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as  
2 subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

3           (3) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
4 section (c), and moving such subsection after sub-  
5 section (b), as so redesignated;

6           (4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by  
7 amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) The  
8 Commission shall have the exclusive authority to ap-  
9 prove or deny an application for the siting, construc-  
10 tion, expansion, or operation of a facility to export  
11 natural gas from the United States to a foreign  
12 country or import natural gas from a foreign coun-  
13 try, including an LNG terminal. Except as specifi-  
14 cally provided in this Act, nothing in this Act is in-  
15 tended to affect otherwise applicable law related to  
16 any Federal agency’s authorities or responsibilities  
17 related to facilities to import or export natural gas,  
18 including LNG terminals.”; and

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

21           “(d) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of the  
22 President under the Constitution, the International Emer-  
23 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the  
24 National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), part  
25 B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the Enemy  
2 Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1 et seq.), or any other provision  
3 of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or for-  
4 eign government (including any provision of law that pro-  
5 hibits or restricts United States persons from engaging  
6 in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),  
7 including a foreign government that is designated as a  
8 state sponsor of terrorism, to prohibit imports or ex-  
9 ports.”.

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