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H. RES. 1303

Condemning the Biden administration's politically motivated ban on liquefied natural gas exports to non-free trade agreement countries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2024

Mr. WEBER of Texas (for himself, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. BICE, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. SELF, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. LESKO, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. FRY, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. BACON, Mr. ESTES, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. PALMER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. TURNER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Condemning the Biden administration's politically motivated ban on liquefied natural gas exports to non-free trade agreement countries.

Whereas, on January 26, 2024, President Joe Biden and his administration announced a ban on pending approvals of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports to non-free trade

agreement countries until the Department of Energy can update the underlying analyses for authorizations;

Whereas the Department of Energy has already commissioned 5 studies to examine the effects of United States LNG exports, and the results unanimously demonstrate the benefits to the United States economy and domestic natural gas prices;

Whereas the Department of Energy is not required to halt pending LNG permits while conducting more environmental studies, as President Barack Obama and President Donald Trump conducted studies on liquefied natural gas without blocking export permits;

Whereas data from the Energy Information Administration demonstrates that the United States exported more LNG than any other country in the first half of 2023, and the United States set a monthly record of 12,400,000,000 cubic feet per day in April 2024 as Freeport LNG increased its production;

Whereas, according to the Department of Energy, the United States produces natural gas 41 percent more cleanly than Russian natural gas delivered to Europe;

Whereas President Joe Biden campaigned on killing the fossil fuel industry, and this politically motivated decision has serious consequences for the United States and allies across the world;

Whereas the United States ample, stable, and reliable production of natural gas helps enable exports and ensures United States natural gas can compete on the growing global market;

Whereas the energy sector has historically been a pillar of strength for the United States economy, fostering innova-

tion, driving technological advancements, and fueling prosperity across the Nation;

Whereas many LNG companies proactively partner with local schools in communities where they operate to train and hire labor for high-paying jobs, with skills that are applicable to other jobs within the energy industry; and

Whereas the Biden administration's disregard for the economic well-being of communities with LNG facilities and its residents demonstrates a lack of understanding of the critical role that energy plays in supporting United States families and communities: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) condemns the Biden administration's reck-
3 less suspension of liquefied natural gas export per-
4 mits;

5 (2) calls for immediate action to lift the ban on
6 liquefied natural gas export permits to restore con-
7 fidence in the United States energy sector;

8 (3) urges the Biden administration to prioritize
9 the interests of United States workers and commu-
10 nities over partisan political agendas; and

11 (4) shall transmit copies of this resolution to
12 the President of the United States, the Secretary of
13 Energy, and all relevant stakeholders to underscore
14 the importance of preserving and advancing the
15 United States liquefied natural gas industry.

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