H. R. 1575

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2021

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Unlocking our Domes-
tic LNG Potential Act of 2021”.

SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.

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

(1) by striking subsections (a) through (e);

(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (a) and (b), respectively;
(3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e), and moving such subsection after subsection (b), as so redesignated;

(4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows: “(1) The Commission shall have the exclusive authority to approve or deny an application for the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of a facility to export natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import natural gas from a foreign country, including an LNG terminal. Except as specifically provided in this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect otherwise applicable law related to any Federal agency’s authorities or responsibilities related to facilities to import or export natural gas, including LNG terminals.”; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

sion of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or
foreign government (including any provision of law that
prohibits or restricts United States persons from engaging
in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government),
including a country that is designated as a state sponsor
of terrorism, to prohibit imports or exports.

“(2) In this subsection, the term ‘state sponsor of ter-
rorism’ means a country the government of which the Sec-
retary of State determines has repeatedly provided sup-
port for international terrorism pursuant to—

“(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Con-
trol Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));
“(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance
Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);
“(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act
(22 U.S.C. 2780); or
“(D) any other provision of law.”.