

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1012

To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from prohibiting the transportation of liquefied natural gas by rail, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2021

Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

A BILL

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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. LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS BY RAIL.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
5 may not issue any regulation or long-term order that—

6 (1) prohibits the transportation of methane, re-
7 frigerated liquid (commonly known as “liquefied nat-
8 ural gas” or “LNG”) by rail; or

1 (2) restricts or contracts the scope of allowance
2 provided by the final rule of the Pipeline and Haz-
3 ardous Materials Safety Administration, titled “Haz-
4 ardous Materials: Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail”,
5 which was published in the Federal Register on July
6 24, 2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 44994).

7 (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
8 tion may be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-
9 retary of Transportation to issue short-term emergency
10 orders related to the transportation of liquefied natural
11 gas by rail.

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