

November 17th, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
Washington, D.C., 20515

The Honorable Hakeem S. Jeffries
Minority Leader
Washington, D.C., 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Jeffries, and Members of Congress:

In advance of House floor consideration, on behalf of our millions of members and supporters, the undersigned write to express our **opposition to [H.R. 1949, Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2025](#), and any related measures that would accelerate the expansion of liquefied methane gas (otherwise known as liquefied natural gas, or LNG) exports.** The facts are clear, expanded LNG exports perpetuate the climate crisis, raise costs for consumers, and harm communities.

This legislation would strip away the federal government's ability and responsibility to examine the full impacts of LNG expansion on the economy, consumer energy costs, the climate, and local communities. LNG exports negatively impact Americans by exacerbating climate change, perpetuating environmental injustices, and raising energy prices for households, small businesses, and manufacturers. These impacts must be taken into account when DOE decides whether to approve future LNG export authorizations. This provision, however, would remove DOE's legal obligation to assess whether LNG exports are in the public interest and their impact on everyday Americans and the U.S. economy.

Rather than passing legislation that invests in a clean economy, reduces energy costs for families and small businesses, and ensures approved energy projects must be truly in the public interest, the House Majority is instead using valuable floor time to consider additional giveaways to the fossil fuel industry. Following unprecedented growth in LNG exports in recent years, the fossil fuel industry is already raking in record profits at the expense of consumers and future generations, yet their allies in Congress are putting forward legislation to lock us into ever-increasing gas extraction, higher and more volatile energy prices, and devastating environmental, health, safety, and climate impacts – particularly impacting frontline communities. H.R. 1949 would revoke DOE's ability to ensure that new LNG exports do not raise costs to U.S. consumers, accelerate the climate crisis, or jeopardize the health and safety of communities living alongside fossil fuel infrastructure. The legislation is a dangerous handout to the oil and gas industry that would expedite the approval of LNG exports by removing the first three sections of the Natural Gas Act, which require a public interest determination for LNG exports to countries with whom the United States does not have an existing free trade agreement. Instead of requiring a rigorous review process consistent with good governance practices, this provision directs the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to deem gas exports in the public interest without requiring any consideration of impacts on the American public.

Among other considerations, it is critical that LNG export decisions take lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions into account. There are eight operating LNG export facilities and over 30 additional projects proposed or under construction, the full buildout of which would be equivalent to the annual climate pollution from over 940 coal plants or 839 million gasoline-powered cars. In every scenario modeled by the DOE in its 2024 studies, additional LNG exports increase global methane pollution and LNG exports would displace more renewables than coal globally. This jeopardizes the commitments of countries receiving imports of LNG, and would lock in decades of highly polluting fossil fuels when cleaner, cheaper alternatives exist. The proposed language would undermine the federal government's ability to even consider these consequences or the findings of the December 2024 studies from the DOE on the impacts of LNG exports when deciding whether a project should be approved.

The expansion of LNG exports is also a glaring environmental injustice. Sited primarily in low-income communities and communities of color along the Gulf Coast, existing and proposed LNG export facilities are already increasing toxic pollution in areas overburdened by industrial pollution from the fossil fuel industry. This buildout has decimated tourism and local industries like fishing and shrimping, which would only be made worse by approving more LNG export projects. It is critical that the Department of Energy take these considerations, along with the increasing impacts of climate change, into account when making its public interest determination.

Consumers across the U.S. are suffering from rising energy costs exacerbated by LNG exports. Skyrocketing energy costs can be traced to increases in LNG exports, as can increases in prices of consumer goods. DOE found that additional LNG exports would increase domestic wholesale natural gas prices by more than 30 percent, raising consumer prices as a result. A [report](#) released by the Center for Energy and Environmental Analysis (CEEAA) found that despite record levels of US natural gas production in the first quarter of 2025, US natural gas prices have more than doubled since President Trump was elected. These cost increases disproportionately burden people of color and low-income or otherwise disadvantaged communities and households. It is imperative that federal agencies retain the authority to consider domestic consumer impacts when determining whether additional exports are in the public interest.

We write to urge the rejection of any efforts to weaken laws and regulations that protect Americans from the negative impacts of LNG exports. **We urge you to vote NO on H.R. 1949 and join us in opposing this legislation.**

Sincerely,

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