

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 2705

To amend the Natural Gas Act to provide for expanded natural gas exports.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 20, 2021

Mr. PFLUGER (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Natural Gas Export
- 5 Expansion Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.
- 7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that expanding nat-
- 8 ural gas exports will lead to increased investment and de-
- 9 velopment of domestic supplies of natural gas that will
- 10 contribute to job growth and economic development.

1	(b) NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.—Section 3(c) of the
2	Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—
3	(1) by inserting "or any other nation not ex-
4	cluded by this section" after "trade in natural gas";
5	(2) by striking "(c) For purposes" and insert-
6	ing the following:
7	"(c) Expedited Application and Approval
8	Process.—
9	"(1) In general.—For purposes"; and
10	(3) by adding at the end the following:
11	"(2) Exclusions.—
12	"(A) IN GENERAL.—Any nation subject to
13	sanctions or trade restrictions imposed by the
14	United States is excluded from expedited ap-
15	proval under paragraph (1).
16	"(B) Designation by president or
17	congress.—The President or Congress may
18	designate nations that may be excluded from
19	expedited approval under paragraph (1) for rea-
20	sons of national security.
21	"(3) Order not required.—No order is re-
22	quired under subsection (a) to authorize the export
23	or import of any natural gas to or from Canada or
24	Mexico.".