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AN ACT

To adapt to changing crude oil market conditions.

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

1 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

2 The Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The United States has enjoyed a renaissance in energy production, establishing the United
4 States as the world's leading oil producer.

6 (2) By authorizing crude oil exports, the Congress can spur domestic energy production, create
7 and preserve jobs, help maintain and strengthen our
8 independent shipping fleet that is essential to national defense, and generate State and Federal revenues.
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12 (3) An energy-secure United States that is a
13 net exporter of energy has the potential to transform
14 the security environment around the world, notably
15 in Europe and the Middle East.

16 (4) For our European allies and Israel, the
17 presence of more United States oil in the market
18 will offer more secure supply options, which will
19 strengthen United States strategic alliances and help
20 curtail the use of energy as a political weapon.

21 (5) The 60-ship Maritime Security Fleet is a
22 vital element of our military's strategic sealift and
23 global response capability. It assures United States-flag ships and United States crews will be available
24 to support the United States military when it needs
25 to mobilize to protect our allies, and is the most pru-

1 dent and economical solution to meet current and
2 projected sealift requirements for the United States.

3 (6) The Maritime Security Fleet program pro-
4 vides a labor base of skilled American mariners who
5 are available to crew the United States Government-
6 owned strategic sealift fleet, as well as the United
7 States commercial fleet, in both peace and war.

8 (7) The United States has reduced its oil con-
9 sumption over the past decade, and increasing in-
10 vestment in clean energy technology and energy effi-
11 ciency will lower energy prices, reduce greenhouse
12 gas emissions, and increase national security.

13 **SEC. 2. REPEAL.**

14 Section 103 of the Energy Policy and Conservation
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 6212) and the item relating thereto in the
16 table of contents of that Act are repealed.

17 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL POLICY ON OIL EXPORT RESTRICTION.**

18 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to pro-
19 mote the efficient exploration, production, storage, supply,
20 marketing, pricing, and regulation of energy resources, in-
21 cluding fossil fuels, no official of the Federal Government
22 shall impose or enforce any restriction on the export of
23 crude oil.

1 **SEC. 4. STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

2 (a) STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.—Not later
3 than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
4 the Secretary of Energy shall conduct a study and trans-
5 mit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
6 House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy
7 and Natural Resources of the Senate recommendations on
8 the appropriate size, composition, and purpose of the Stra-
9 tegic Petroleum Reserve.

10 (b) GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.—Not later than
11 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
12 retary of Energy shall conduct, and transmit to the Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
14 resentatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural
15 Resources of the Senate the results of, a study on the net
16 greenhouse gas emissions that will result from the repeal
17 of the crude oil export ban under section 2.

18 (c) STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE STUDY.—Not
19 later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this
20 Act, the Secretary of Energy shall conduct a study and
21 transmit to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
22 the House of Representatives and the Committee on En-
23 ergy and Natural Resources of the Senate recommenda-
24 tions on the appropriate size, composition, and purpose
25 of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

26 (d) CRUDE OIL EXPORT STUDY.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Com-
2 merce, in consultation with the Department of En-
3 ergy, and other departments as appropriate, shall
4 conduct a study of the State and national implica-
5 tions of lifting the crude oil export ban with respect
6 to consumers and the economy.

7 (2) CONTENTS.—The study conducted under
8 paragraph (1) shall include an analysis of—

9 (A) the economic impact that exporting
10 crude oil will have on the economy of the
11 United States;

12 (B) the economic impact that exporting
13 crude oil will have on consumers, taking into
14 account impacts on energy prices;

15 (C) the economic impact that exporting
16 crude oil will have on domestic manufacturing,
17 taking into account impacts on employment;
18 and

19 (D) the economic impact that exporting
20 crude oil will have on the refining sector, taking
21 into account impacts on employment.

22 (3) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 1
23 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Bu-
24 reau of Industry and Security shall submit to Con-

1 gress a report containing the results of the study
2 conducted under paragraph (1).

3 **SEC. 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE.**

4 Nothing in this Act limits the authority of the Presi-
5 dent under the Constitution, the International Emergency
6 Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the Na-
7 tional Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), part B
8 of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42
9 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the Enemy Act
10 (50 U.S.C. App. 1 et seq.), or any other provision of law
11 that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or foreign gov-
12 ernment (including any provision of law that prohibits or
13 restricts United States persons from engaging in a trans-
14 action with a sanctioned person or government), including
15 a foreign government that is designated as a state sponsor
16 of terrorism, to prohibit exports.

17 **SEC. 6. NATIONAL DEFENSE SEALIFT ENHANCEMENT.**

18 (a) PAYMENTS.—Section 53106(a)(1) of title 46,
19 United States Code, is amended—

20 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking the comma
21 before “for each”;

22 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “2016,
23 2017, and 2018;” and inserting “and 2016”;

24 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as sub-
25 paragraph (G); and

1 (4) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting
2 the following:

3 “(D) \$4,999,950 for fiscal year 2017;

4 “(E) \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years
5 2018, 2019, and 2020;

6 “(F) \$5,233,463 for fiscal year 2021;
7 and”.

8 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
9 53111 of title 46, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “2016, 2017,
11 and 2018;” and inserting “and 2016”;

12 (2) by redesignating paragraph (5) as para-
13 graph (7); and

14 (3) by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the
15 following:

16 “(4) \$299,997,000 for fiscal year 2017;

17 “(5) \$300,000,000 for each of fiscal years
18 2018, 2019, and 2020;

19 “(6) \$314,007,780 for fiscal year 2021; and”.

20 **SEC. 7. PARTNERSHIPS WITH MINORITY SERVING INSTITU-**
21 **TIONS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Department of Energy shall
23 continue to develop and broaden partnerships with minor-
24 ity serving institutions, including Hispanic Serving Insti-
25 tutions (HSI) and Historically Black Colleges and Univer-

1 sities (HBCUs) in the areas of oil and gas exploration,
2 production, midstream, and refining.

3 (b) PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS.—The Depart-
4 ment of Energy shall encourage public-private partner-
5 ships between the energy sector and minority serving insti-
6 tutions, including Hispanic Serving Institutions and His-
7 torically Black Colleges and Universities.

8 **SEC. 8. REPORT.**

9 Not later than 10 years after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary
11 of Commerce shall jointly transmit to Congress a report
12 that reviews the impact of lifting the oil export ban under
13 this Act as it relates to promoting United States energy
14 and national security.

15 **SEC. 9. REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

16 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
17 of this Act, the Secretary of Energy and the Secretary
18 of Commerce shall jointly transmit to Congress a report
19 analyzing how lifting the ban on crude oil exports will help
20 create opportunities for veterans and women in the United
21 States, while promoting energy and national security.

1 **SEC. 10. PROHIBITION ON EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL, RE-**
2 **FINED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS, AND PETRO-**
3 **CHEMICAL PRODUCTS TO THE ISLAMIC RE-**
4 **PUBLIC OF IRAN.**

5 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
6 the export of crude oil, refined petroleum products, and
7 petrochemical products by or through any entity or per-
8 son, wherever located, subject to the jurisdiction of the
9 United States to any entity or person located in, subject
10 to the jurisdiction of, or sponsored by the Islamic Republic
11 of Iran.

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Attest:

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Clerk.