



Honorable Barack Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
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Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

Governors know firsthand the economic potential presented by the United States energy revolution. American energy producers, manufacturers and workers deserve a sensible national energy strategy to support the economic growth we are experiencing in our states. Now is the time to end the federal ban on crude oil exports and lift existing restrictions on liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

The United States oil and gas industry is literally fueling economic growth in our states. Recent studies show lifting the ban on crude exports would create as many as 300,000 jobs nationwide by 2020. LNG exports would also significantly boost employment, adding 155,000 jobs in natural gas producing states and an additional 38,000 jobs in large manufacturing states. Without a change in the federal approach to energy exports, these jobs will be left on the table during a critical time in the nation's economic recovery.

Updated energy export policies would also enhance American national security in a global energy economy punctuated by conflict and civil unrest. United States energy policy should seek to strike a balance between bolstering our national security by maintaining domestic reserves and opening up economic and diplomatic opportunities to American interests around the globe. The federal government's current approach to energy exports was set in motion when domestic production was down, imported energy was dominating our resource mix and the global market was threatened by hostile international players. The United States now stands as the world's top producer of oil and natural gas, though we continue to import energy from nations adverse to American interests. This approach is impractical and dangerous.

American ingenuity and advances in technology have unlocked vast reserves of crude oil and natural gas here at home. We should be seeking new opportunities for these energy resources by providing customers around the globe unblocked access – driving investment in American energy.

The outdated federal export restrictions on crude oil and LNG are detrimental to American workers, our collective security and economic recovery in our states. A broad coalition of United States Senators has introduced legislation, S. 1312 - Energy Supply Distribution Act, to move sensible export policy forward and we applaud that effort. We ask you to end the ban on crude oil exports, to lift restrictions on LNG exports and to set in motion a cohesive federal energy export strategy.

Sincerely,



Governor Asa Hutchinson  
Arkansas



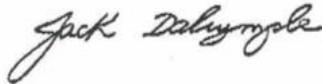
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