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To amend the Natural Gas Act to authorize expedited approval of applications to export natural gas to certain allies of the United States, and for other purposes.

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Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. OWENS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend the Natural Gas Act to authorize expedited approval of applications to export natural gas to certain allies of the United States, and for other purposes.

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 “LNG For Allies Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. NATURAL GAS EXPORTS TO ALLIES AND STRATEGIC** 6 **PARTNERS.**

7 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that expediting the ap-
8 proval of natural gas export applications for projects in-

1 tended to increase the capacity of the United States to
2 export natural gas to allies and strategic partners will—

3 (1) empower United States natural gas export-
4 ers to better assist the strategic and national secu-
5 rity interests of the United States and allies and
6 strategic partners of the United States; and

7 (2) lead to job growth, economic development,
8 and energy security.

9 (b) NATURAL GAS EXPORTS.—Section 3(c) of the
10 Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended—

11 (1) by striking “(c) For purposes” and insert-
12 ing the following:

13 “(c) EXPEDITED APPLICATION AND APPROVAL
14 PROCESS.—

15 “(1) DEFINITION OF COVERED NATION.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In this subsection, the
17 term ‘covered nation’—

18 “(i) during the period described in
19 subparagraph (B), means an ally described
20 in section 3(b)(2) of the Arms Export Con-
21 trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2753(b)(2)); and

22 “(ii) during the period described in
23 subparagraph (B), includes Cyprus, Fin-
24 land, Moldova, Sweden, Taiwan, and
25 Ukraine.

1 “(B) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period de-
2 scribed in this subparagraph is the period—

3 “(i) beginning on the date of enact-
4 ment of the LNG For Allies Act; and

5 “(ii) ending on December 31, 2027, or
6 such later date as the President determines
7 is in the interest of national defense (as
8 defined in section 702 of the Defense Pro-
9 duction Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 4552)) or
10 is otherwise in the interests of the United
11 States.

12 “(2) EXPEDITED APPROVAL.—Except as pro-
13 vided in paragraph (3), for purposes”;
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15 (2) in paragraph (2) (as so designated), by in-
16 serting “the exportation of natural gas to a covered
17 nation,” before “or the exportation”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(3) EXCLUSIONS.—

20 “(A) NATIONS DESIGNATED AS STATE
21 SPONSORS OF TERRORISM.—The Commission
22 shall not grant expedited approval under para-
23 graph (2) of an application for exportation of
24 natural gas to any country the government of
25 which has repeatedly provided support for inter-
national terrorism pursuant to—

1 “(i) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Ex-
2 port Control Reform Act of 2018 (50
3 U.S.C. 4813(c)(1)(A));

4 “(ii) section 620A of the Foreign As-
5 sistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371); or

6 “(iii) section 40 of the Arms Export
7 Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780).

8 “(B) NATIONS DESIGNATED BY CON-
9 GRESS.—The Commission shall not grant expe-
10 dited approval under paragraph (2) of an appli-
11 cation for exportation of natural gas to any na-
12 tion designated by an Act of Congress as ex-
13 cluded from such expedited approval for reasons
14 of national security.”.

15 (c) EFFECT.—The amendments made by subsection
16 (b) shall not affect any Federal authorization to export
17 natural gas from the United States to a foreign nation
18 or to import natural gas into the United States from a
19 foreign nation that is in effect on the date of enactment
20 of this Act.

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