

117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2100

To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from prohibiting the transportation of liquefied natural gas by rail, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2021

Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. PERRY, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Providing Americans  
5 with LNG Safely Act” or the “PALS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS BY RAIL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation  
8 may not issue any regulation or long-term order that—

1           (1) prohibits the transportation of “methane,  
2       refrigerated liquid,” commonly known as liquefied  
3       natural gas (LNG), by rail; or

4           (2) restricts or contracts the scope of allowance  
5       provided by the final rule of the Pipeline and Haz-  
6       ardous Materials Safety Administration, titled “Haz-  
7       ardous Materials: Liquefied Natural Gas by Rail”  
8       and published in the Federal Register on July 24,  
9       2020 (85 Fed. Reg. 44994).

10       (b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-  
11      tion shall be construed to limit the authority of the Sec-  
12      retary of Transportation from issuing short-term emer-  
13      gency orders related to the transportation of liquefied nat-  
14      ural gas by rail.

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