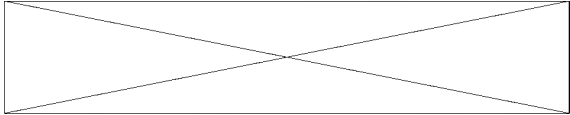


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Dear Leila,

As Americans prep their grills and gather with friends and family to celebrate the Fourth of July, we have another kind of independence to celebrate: freedom from energy scarcity.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) says that last year the [United States exported more natural gas than it imported for the first time since 1957](#). We lead the world in production and refining of natural gas and oil. It's a turnaround that not only enhances U.S. energy security but provides a competitive advantage that can generate major [economic](#) and [geopolitical](#) benefits through [energy exports](#).

The U.S. Energy Department's latest study on [liquefied natural gas \(LNG\)](#) exports concludes that exporting U.S. LNG is good for the economy.

DOE's study found:

- U.S. consumer well-being increases with rising LNG exports.
- Total U.S. economic activity (gross domestic product) increases with rising LNG exports.
- U.S. LNG exports are backed by increased natural gas production here at home.

It's worth noting that this is the fifth DOE study on LNG exports – and the fifth to describe broad, positive economic impacts for the United States from shipping natural gas to friends and allies overseas. The findings reinforce a [2017 study by ICF International](#) projecting that increased LNG exports could support 220,000 to 452,000 additional jobs and add from \$50 billion to \$73 billion to the U.S. economy.

From a national security perspective, increasing domestic production and accelerating exports of U.S. LNG will help strengthen our strategic alliances abroad. Allies seek U.S. energy as a [reliable alternative](#) to energy supply from less stable regions, and providing it can enhance not only our economy but our geopolitical objectives. As a recent [Wall Street Journal editorial](#) put it, when describing a new export deal with Poland: "The agreement illustrates how the energy boom from the fracking revolution can serve U.S. national interests and deter the reach of dictators abroad. Moscow has long used its energy resources as a political weapon... By offering an alternative to Russian energy, the U.S. empowers its European allies and weakens the Kremlin's coercive regional influence."

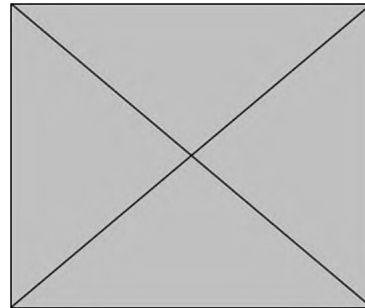
The new DOE study is one more confirmation that abundant and affordable natural gas strengthens our economy — and our security. As global demand grows for natural gas and the benefits it brings to economies and the environment, U.S. policy should continue to support additional LNG export capacity.

Sincerely,

Jack N. Gerard
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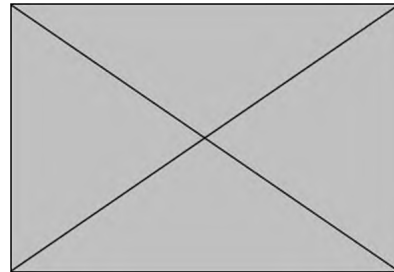
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