

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 3, 2021

The Honorable Jennifer Granholm  
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Department of Energy  
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The Honorable Gina Raimondo  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
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Secretary Granholm and Secretary Raimondo:

We are extremely concerned about the comments<sup>1</sup> Secretary Granholm made regarding the possibility of reinstating a ban on exporting American crude oil. Domestic oil and gas producers are already feeling the burden of the Biden Administration's reckless energy policies, such as cancelling the Keystone Pipeline and pausing leasing on federal lands, which further harms the industry and American consumers. The decision to reinstate an export moratorium would cripple the growth of this critical industry, as it continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and do nothing to alleviate the pain American consumers are feeling as a result of this administration's failed energy policies.

Congress repealed the export ban in 2015 to allow U.S. companies to compete in the international marketplace. This led to a surge in production, buoyed by these new markets and advancements in drilling technology, where exports increased by over 500% from 2015-2019<sup>2</sup>. More jobs were created in the oil, shipping, and refining industries, and our country was more secure knowing that our allies would not be forced to deal with hostile actors in order to satisfy their energy needs. Most importantly, the United States became energy independent and a net exporter of petroleum products – a once inconceivable accomplishment that bolsters U.S. national security. Reimposing an export ban would make us less competitive on the world stage and shift good paying, blue collar jobs overseas. Therefore, we request answers to the following questions:

1. What would be the impact on the U.S. economy in terms of lost GDP, and lost jobs should this moratorium be reinstated?
2. What will the aggregate effect of decreased U.S. oil exports have on net global carbon emissions?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/business/energy/us-energy-secretary-tapping-oil-reserve-possible-tool-calm-prices-ft-2021-10-06/>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gao.gov/assets/gao-21-118.pdf>

3. Are U.S. refiners currently able to feasibly process U.S produced crude oil that would no longer be exported?
4. Have you consulted with the National Security Council to determine the national security implications of being more dependent on OPEC+ countries?

We must allow American companies to compete with every other major oil producing country. When businesses are allowed to compete, consumers are ultimately rewarded with lower prices and superior products. Instead of punishing American companies with misguided policies, we urge you to shift your attention on the issues facing everyday Americans who are paying more to fuel their cars and heat their homes.

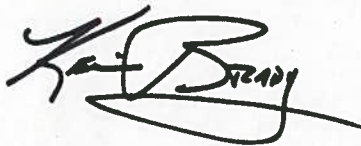
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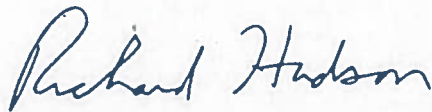
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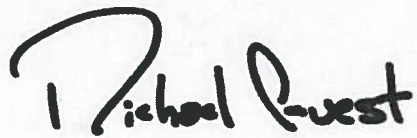
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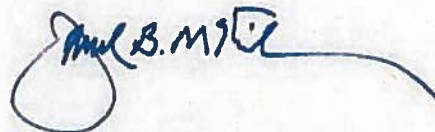
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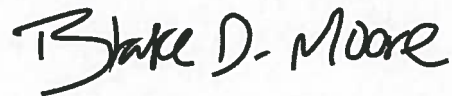
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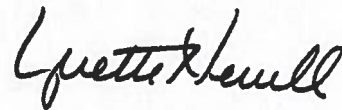
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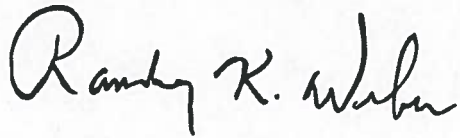
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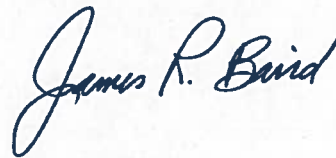
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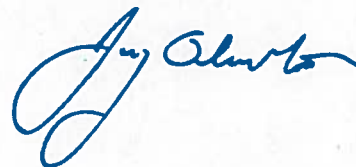
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