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American Energy Independence from Russia Act

U.S. oil imports from Russia reached an 11-year high in 2021, accounting for more than 10% of total U.S. crude oil and petroleum products imports. At the same time, the U.S. is growing increasingly reliant on LNG and oil imports, critical minerals, and other strategically important natural resources from foreign adversaries like Russia. This is because needed pipelines, mines, and other domestic infrastructure to meet America's demands have been blocked by unnecessary permitting delays and regulatory uncertainty.

Energy and Commerce Committee Republican Leader Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Natural Resources Committee Republican Leader Bruce Westerman are leading the "American Energy Independence from Russia Act."

The "American Energy Independence from Russia Act" will strengthen U.S. energy security and counter Russia by —

- Requiring President Biden to submit an energy security plan to Congress within 30 days to evaluate U.S. oil and natural gas imports, identify importing countries that pose an energy security risk to America, and encourage domestic production of oil and natural gas to offset imports from Russia;
- Immediately approving the Keystone XL pipeline to create thousands of American jobs and deliver an additional 830,000 barrels per day of crude oil to U.S. refineries;
- Unleashing U.S. LNG exports to boost U.S. natural gas production and displace Russian gas in the European market;
- Requiring the Secretary of Energy to develop a plan to increase oil and gas production on Federal lands to replace oil drawn down from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;
- Unlocking America's energy potential by requiring leasing and permitting of energy and minerals development on Federal lands and waters; and,
- Protecting domestic oil and gas, mining, and critical minerals production from further attacks by the Biden administration.

The "**American Energy Independence from Russia Act**" is an important step to reverse President Biden's disastrous anti-American energy policies, which have emboldened Putin and invited an attack on Ukraine.



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