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Frontiers of Freedom released the following statement by its president, George Landrith, in support of the “LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act” (H.R. 351).

“Frontiers of Freedom strongly supports Representative Johnson’s “LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act” (H.R. 351). Less than a decade ago, it was argued that the US was lacking in energy resources and that it would only get worse over time. In a relatively short period of time, the US has become a major world energy producer and is on the cusp of becoming a natural gas superpower.

“Under current law it is very difficult to export LNG — particularly to nations that do not have existing free trade agreements with the US. The review process is on a slow-moving, cumbersome case by case basis, largely lacking in formal standards and definitions, and unwieldy enough that it severely limits LNG exports on a practical level. This needs to change. And Representative Johnson’s bill on LNG does precisely that in a commonsense way.

“This will help our economy grow, create good jobs, provide ultra-clean fuel, and has a strong foreign policy benefit. That makes it a win, win, win proposition.

“It is estimated that expanding LNG exports will create 45,000 new American jobs by 2016. That is a lot of American families that will have greater income and greater economic security as a result of LNG exports. Because natural gas burns so cleanly, it is an ideal fuel and environmentally friendly.

“With American exports of LNG growing, we will be able to convince allies to avoid doing business with rogue states and we will be able to limit Russia’s iron grip on a number of nations that depend on Russia for natural gas. If we want to keep Putin’s expansionism in check, one way to do it, is export LNG. European and Asian allies seek greater access to U.S. gas which would be cheaper than most of the gas that they have access to. Russia uses the dependence of many nations on Russia for natural gas to bully them into seeing things Putin’s way. We can limit the effectiveness of Putins natural gas power plays, while creating jobs, growing the U.S. economy, and protecting the environment.”

“This is a bipartisan bill that deserves the support of all Americans. It’s benefits are obvious.”