

# Veto Threat: The Administration Strongly Opposes H.R. 702

Dear Colleague:

I am writing to bring to your attention the Statement of Administration Policy (SAP) on H.R. 702, a bill to lift any and all restrictions on the export of domestic crude oil. In it, President Obama's advisors note that they would recommend a veto of this unnecessary legislation, and further say that:

"... Congress should be focusing its efforts on supporting our transition to a low-carbon economy. It could do this through a variety of measures, including ending the billions of dollars a year in Federal subsidies provided to oil companies and instead investing in wind, solar, energy efficiency, and other clean technologies to meet America's energy needs."

The full SAP is below or available for download [here](#).

I don't believe the potential impacts of H.R. 702 – on national security, on the economy, on consumers and on the environment – can be considered acceptable. Increased crude exports certainly help oil companies, but at what price? We should take the long view to ensure we fully understand and consider the enduring consequences of our actions and choose the cleanest and most sustainable path forward.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the President in opposing this bill.

Sincerely,

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**STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY**  
**H.R. 702 – To adapt to changing crude oil market conditions.**  
(Rep. Barton, R-Texas, and 137 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly opposes H.R. 702, which would remove restrictions on the export of crude oil.

Domestic oil production has grown in recent years, strengthening our economy, supporting new American jobs, and enhancing our energy security. The Administration has taken important steps to support safe and responsible production growth, including actions to cut methane leaks from oil and gas operations, to protect water quality, and to improve offshore safety in order to protect human lives and the environment from oil spills.

Legislation to remove crude export restrictions is not needed at this time. Rather, Congress should be focusing its efforts on supporting our transition to a low-carbon economy. It could do this through a variety of measures, including ending the billions of dollars a year in Federal subsidies provided to oil companies and instead investing in wind, solar, energy efficiency, and other clean technologies to meet America's energy needs.

If the President were presented with H.R. 702, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.

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