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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Scott of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

## A BILL

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  - 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
  - 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
  - 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
  - 4 This Act may be cited as the "Unlocking Domestic
  - 5 LNG Potential Act of 2024".

1	SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.
2	Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b)
3	is amended—
4	(1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);
5	(2) by redesignating subsections (d), (e), and
6	(f) as subsections (c), (a), and (b), respectively, and
7	reordering accordingly; and
8	(3) by striking the section designation and
9	heading and all that follows through the period at
10	the end of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) (as so re-
11	designated) and inserting the following:
12	"SEC. 3. LNG TERMINALS; AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT
13	TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS OR EXPORTS OF NAT
14	URAL GAS.
15	"(a) LNG TERMINALS.—
16	"(1) Authority of the commission.—
17	"(A) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Energy
18	Regulatory Commission shall have the exclusive
19	authority to approve or deny an application for
20	the siting, construction, expansion, or operation
21	of a facility, including an LNG terminal, to ex-
22	port natural gas from the United States to a
23	foreign country or import natural gas from a
24	foreign country.
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25	"(B) Public interest.—In determining

1	scribed in subparagraph (A), the Federal En
2	ergy Regulatory Commission shall deem the im
3	portation or exportation of natural gas to be
4	consistent with the public interest.
5	"(C) Effect.—Except as specifically pro
6	vided in this Act, nothing in this Act affects
7	otherwise applicable law relating to the author
8	ity or responsibility of any Federal agency re
9	lating to facilities, including LNG terminals, to
10	import or export natural gas."; and
11	(4) by adding at the end the following:
12	"(d) Rule of Construction Relating to Au
13	THORITY TO PROHIBIT IMPORTS OR EXPORTS.—
14	"(1) Definition of state sponsor of ter
15	RORISM.—In this subsection, the term 'state sponsor
16	of terrorism' means a country the government of
17	which the Secretary of State determines has repeat
18	edly provided support for international terrorism
19	pursuant to—
20	"(A) section $1754(c)(1)(A)$ of the Expor
21	Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C
22	4813(c)(1)(A));
23	"(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assist
24	ance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

1	"(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Con-
2	trol Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or
3	"(D) any other provision of law.
4	"(2) Rule of Construction.—Nothing in
5	this Act limits the authority of the President under
6	the Constitution or any provision of law described in
7	paragraph (3) to prohibit imports or exports.
8	"(3) Provisions of Law described.—The
9	provisions of law referred to in paragraph (2) are—
10	"(A) the International Emergency Eco-
11	nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.);
12	"(B) the National Emergencies Act (50
13	U.S.C. 1601 et seq.);
14	"(C) part B of title II of the Energy Policy
15	and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.);
16	"(D) the Trading with the Enemy Act (50
17	U.S.C. 4301 et seq.); and
18	"(E) any other provision of law that—
19	"(i) imposes sanctions with respect to
20	a foreign person or foreign government, in-
21	cluding the government of a country that
22	is designated as a state sponsor of ter-
23	rorism; or
24	"(ii) prohibits or restricts United
25	States persons from engaging in a trans-

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