

# U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Supports American Independence from Russia Act

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – Rep. Mike Gallagher (R-WI) today co-sponsored the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, a bill that would require the administration to develop an energy security plan and expand American oil and natural gas production to offset Russian imports. After co-sponsoring the legislation, Gallagher will join an effort today by House Republicans to require the House to immediately consider the bill as gas prices continue to rise and President Biden prepares to ban all Russian oil imports into the U.S. while begging authoritarian regimes like Venezuela to increase oil production.

“It’s crazy that the President is turning to Venezuela and Iran for help lowering oil prices when the solution is right underneath our nose. America was energy independent in 2020 and can even grow its energy production to help our allies. But in order to do so, this administration needs to reverse its destructive and counter-productive energy policies. This bill ensures the President unlocks America’s energy potential instead of turning to authoritarian regimes around the world to help lower oil prices,” said Rep. Gallagher.

This bill, which was introduced by Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Bruce Westerman (R-AR), would require the President to submit an energy security plan within 30 days of passage and would promote American energy independence by:

- Immediately approving the Keystone XL pipeline,
- Removing all restrictions on liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports,
- Restarting oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters – which was halted by the Biden administration,
- Protecting American energy and mineral development,
- Requiring the Secretary of Energy to develop a plan to replace oil drawn down from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve



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