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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was 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 “American Gas for Al-
5 lies Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The United States has been a critical mem-
2 ber of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since
3 1949.

4 (2) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization
5 has provided safety and security for the United
6 States and its European allies for decades.

7 (3) Ukraine has been a crucial strategic partner
8 for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since the
9 early 1990's, and the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
10 zation has long held that Ukraine's future includes
11 full membership in the alliance.

12 (4) Russia's unprovoked 2022 invasion of
13 Ukraine presents a security threat to all the North
14 Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, including the
15 United States.

16 (5) The North Atlantic Treaty Organization
17 supports Ukraine's right to self-defense and its right
18 to choose its own security arrangements.

19 (6) The United States maintaining a strong
20 partnership with Ukraine is vital to the security of
21 both countries.

22 (7) Liquified natural gas imported from the
23 United States has provided Ukraine a critical lifeline
24 during Russia's unprovoked invasion.

1 (8) A dependable supply of energy is vital to
2 the economic and national security of all of the
3 North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries.

4 (9) It is in the national security interest of the
5 United States for the North Atlantic Treaty Organi-
6 zation countries to acquire energy resources from
7 the United States, rather than foreign adversaries.

8 (10) The United States National Energy Tech-
9 nology Laboratory has concluded that United States
10 liquified natural gas supplied to Europe has up to
11 56 percent less total greenhouse gas emissions than
12 European coal, while Russian natural gas delivered
13 to Europe has up to 22 percent more greenhouse
14 gas emissions than European coal.

15 (11) The United States liquified natural gas in-
16 dustry has contributed more than \$400,000,000,000
17 to United States gross domestic product and sup-
18 ported more than 270,000 United States jobs on av-
19 erage, annually since 2016.

20 **SEC. 3. TEMPORARY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN APPLICA-**
21 **TIONS FOR THE EXPORTATION OF NATURAL**
22 **GAS.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the period described in
24 subsection (c) of this section, for purposes of section 3(a)
25 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(a)), the expor-

1 tation of natural gas to a foreign country described in sub-
2 section (b) of this section shall be deemed to be consistent
3 with the public interest, and applications for such expor-
4 tation shall be granted without modification or delay.

5 (b) FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—A foreign country de-
6 scribed in this subsection is—

7 (1) a member country of the North Atlantic
8 Treaty Organization; or

9 (2) Ukraine.

10 (c) APPLICABILITY.—This section shall apply with re-
11 spect to applications for the authorization to export nat-
12 ural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15
13 U.S.C. 717b) to a foreign country described in subsection
14 (b) of this section that are pending on the date of enact-
15 ment of this Act, or filed during the period that begins
16 on such date of enactment and ends on the date that is
17 3 years after such date of enactment.