

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

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President Joe Biden  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500-0005

Dear Mr. President,

We write to urge you to immediately institute an embargo on all Russian energy exports pursuant to your authority under the *International Emergency Economic Powers Act* (50 U.S.C. 1702). We also urge you to encourage our allies and partners across the globe to take similar punitive actions against the energy exports of Russian President Putin's ruthless regime. Energy makes up approximately one-quarter of Russia's Gross Domestic Product, and as such, an embargo on Russian energy exports would inflict crippling consequences on its economy.

We do not urge this course of action lightly. Putin's malicious invasion into the sovereign state of Ukraine demands sanctions which will inflict a maximal level of economic pain on the Russian economy necessary to deter further escalation of the conflict. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians displaced as a result of Putin's war on Ukraine, news reports indicate that more than 350 Ukrainian civilians have been killed, including at least 14 children, in addition to over 1,600 civilians injured thus far. Simply put, Putin must be held to account for the blood on his hands—an American embargo of Russian energy exports would impose a high cost on the Russian economy while also deterring additional bloodshed.

Further, in order to mitigate any price shocks caused as a result of an embargo on Russian energy exports, we encourage you to reevaluate energy policies which have curtailed domestic production of oil and natural gas. In particular, we urge you to reinstate the permit for construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline to allow for the free flow of Canadian crude oil to U.S. refineries. The United States of America must utilize its abundant natural resources, and relationships with energy producing allies, as leverage against a despotic Russian regime that is intent on disrupting peace and threatening global stability.

The United States is currently buying approximately 700,000 barrels of oil and other petroleum products per day from Russia amid its unprovoked invasion of Ukraine. We should be seeking to end Putin's conflict before it deteriorates even further—it is time to institute an embargo on Russian energy exports.

Sincerely,



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Jerry Moran  
United States Senator



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Roger Marshall, M.D.  
United States Senator



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Tom Cole  
Member of Congress