Congressman Perry Introduces

American LNG First Act of 2026

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Scott Perry (PA-10) introduced his American LNG First Act of 2026 to exempt liquefied natural gas ships from Jones Act restrictions to ensure American natural gas can be transported to other American ports via water.

"*The failure of the shipbuilding industry to meet this moment and produce affordable ships is the reason that American cities, territories, and States are unable to consume American LNG and instead are forced to accept foreign natural gas from Russia.* " **said Rep. Perry**

This Act creates an exemption for ships carrying liquefied natural gas, a sector of the market that the maritime industry refuses to serve despite its complete insulation from foreign competitors – harming Americans and empowering our enemies.

While protecting American jobs is a venerable goal, the failure of the industry to supply the industry with ships to meet demand kills Pennsylvania jobs, empowers our adversaries, threatens the reliability of our electrical grid, and degrades the American economy.