

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 24, 2015

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20006


Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to use your authority under Section 103 of the *Energy Policy and Conservation Act* to exempt Mexico from U.S. crude oil export restrictions. Lifting the prohibition on crude oil exports to Mexico is consistent with the U.S. national interest and would extend equal treatment to Mexico which the U.S. currently affords Canada.

As you know, Mexico has recently enacted historic reforms to its energy sector, which will foster new opportunities for American energy companies to partner with Mexico to boost its domestic energy production. The U.S. and Mexico are increasingly working together to maximize North America's growing energy potential. In that spirit, we applaud your administration for signing the U.S.-Mexico Transboundary Hydrocarbons Agreement in 2012, which established a framework for the development of oil and gas reservoirs that cross the international maritime boundary in the Gulf of Mexico. Liberalizing energy trade between our two countries would further deepen our bilateral economic ties and make the flow of energy across our border more efficient.

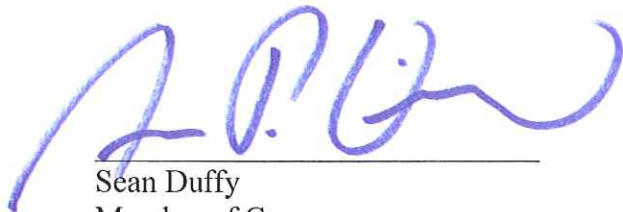
Recent press reports have indicated that PEMEX, Mexico's state-owned petroleum company, has proposed to "swap" Mexican heavy crude oil for American light sweet crude oil. We support such a transaction; however, we encourage you to make a presidential finding that would ease all export restrictions of U.S. crude oil to Mexico. On June 14, 1985, President Reagan made a presidential finding which declared that exports of crude oil to Canada is in the U.S. national interest. Given the recent reforms in Mexico and the changing crude oil market conditions in the U.S., we believe that placing Mexico on equal footing with Canada would advance U.S. interests and would make a powerful statement that the U.S. is committed to working with our neighbors to make North America an energy superpower.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued commitment to the important relationship between the U.S. and Mexico. We look forward to your response.

  
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Michael McCaul  
Member of Congress

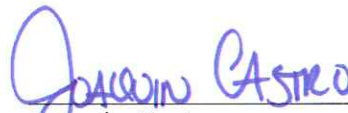
Sincerely,

  
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Henry Cuellar  
Member of Congress



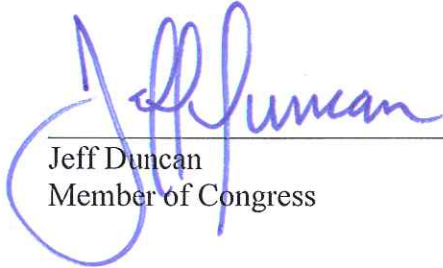
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cc: The Honorable Penny Pritzker, Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce  
The Honorable John Kerry, Secretary, U.S. Department of State