

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705

February 3, 2014

Adam Sieminski
Administrator
Energy Information Administration
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Administrator Sieminski:

As you know, the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975 prohibits the export of crude oil from the United States (with some exceptions for crude from Alaska and California, and crude destined for Canada). There is now a discussion underway about whether to overturn this ban to allow free export of U.S. oil.

We would like to understand how allowing unlimited export of American crude oil might affect:

- U.S. oil production, nationally and regionally;
- U.S. oil consumption, nationally and regionally;
- domestic supplies and prices, nationally and regionally, for both:
 - crude oil (paid by refiners), and
 - refined products (paid by consumers), and
- exports of refined products.

Furthermore, we would like EIA to identify the transit modes and routes that exported crude might be expected to travel.

We look forward to EIA's comprehensive analysis of this issue.

Sincerely,


Ron Wyden

United States Senator


Maria Cantwell

United States Senator

EVERETT
2930 WETMORE AVENUE
SUITE 9B
EVERETT, WA 98201
(425) 303-0114
FAX: (425) 303-8351

RICHLAND
825 JADWIN AVENUE
SUITE 204/204A
RICHLAND, WA 99352
(509) 946-8106
FAX: (509) 946-6937

SEATTLE
JACKSON FEDERAL BUILDING
915 2ND AVENUE, SUITE 3206
SEATTLE, WA 98174-1003
(206) 220-6400
TOLL FREE: 1-888-648-7328
FAX: (206) 220-6404

SPOKANE
U.S. FEDERAL COURTHOUSE
WEST 920 RIVERSIDE, SUITE 697
SPOKANE, WA 99201
(509) 353-2507
FAX: (509) 353-2547

TACOMA
950 PACIFIC AVENUE
SUITE 615
TACOMA, WA 98402
(253) 572-2281
FAX: (253) 572-5879

VANCOUVER
MARSHALL HOUSE
1313 OFFICERS' ROW
FIRST FLOOR
VANCOUVER, WA 98661
(360) 696-7838
FAX: (360) 696-7844

WASHINGTON, DC
311 HART SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4705
(202) 224-3441
FAX: (202) 228-0514