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## **IECA: EXPORT HYDRAULIC FRACTURING TECHNOLOGY TO UKRAINE TO WEAKEN PUTIN – NOT U.S. LNG**

The Industrial Energy Consumers of America (IECA) responded today to Chairman Fred Upton's statement released on March 3, 2014 entitled, "U.S. LNG Exports Can Weaken Russian Influence."

"Exporting U.S. natural gas to Ukraine is the wrong solution," said Paul N. Cicio, President of IECA. "If the U.S. wants to weaken Russian President Vladimir Putin, it should work closely with the Ukraine government to fully utilize the hydraulic fracturing technology that resides with U.S. oil and gas companies. Teaching a man to fish is always better than giving him a fish." The Ukraine has more than 40 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas. Utilizing hydraulic fracturing technology spurs economic growth and jobs from within Ukraine.

Exporting U.S. natural gas increases domestic natural gas and electricity prices for every American and undermines manufacturing competitiveness and job creation. Export the technology and give Ukraine the ability to drill and to provide for its own natural gas.

To view IECA's letter to Chairman Upton, go [here](#).

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