

## A BAN WOULD HARM AMERICA'S ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, AND SECURITY

Proposals to ban hydraulic fracturing within the oil and gas industry (i.e., “fracking”) have re-entered the public conversation. Unfortunately, pro-ban advocates either ignore or are ignorant of the economic, environmental, and national security benefits associated with fracking technology.

### Banning fracking would raise consumer energy prices.

- ★ In recent years, fracking has saved American consumers [\\$203 billion](#) each year through lower energy prices.
  - This is equivalent to \$2,500 each year for a family of four.
- ★ Fracking provides cheap and abundant energy for household heating that saves [11,000 lives](#) each winter.
  - During the winter of 2022, *The Economist* [estimates](#) that 68,000 Europeans perished due to high energy costs.

### Banning fracking would kill jobs.

- ★ [Hundreds of thousands](#) of jobs have been created where fracking is used to reach oil and natural gas reserves.
  - In 2023, the [average annual wage](#) for oil and gas workers ranged from \$52,470 to \$163,170.
- ★ Fracking also provides economic benefits for nearby communities.
  - Each million dollars worth of energy production creates additional wages worth between [\\$257,000](#) and [\\$277,420](#) within a 100-mile radius.

### Banning fracking would increase the human impact on the environment.

- ★ Horizontal drilling technology allows for greater oil and gas production with a lower impact on the [surface environment](#).
  - Underground, horizontal wells routinely reach [3 miles](#) in length without disrupting the environment above them.
- ★ A shift toward [natural gas](#) has been the primary driver of reducing American greenhouse gas emissions within the electricity industry over the past two decades.
  - While America's emissions have fallen, emissions from the People's Republic of China have skyrocketed.

### Banning fracking would hinder American national security.

- ★ Since 2007, American [annual natural gas](#) production has increased by 85%, making the Nation less reliant on foreign energy.
  - Since their peak in 2007, [American imports](#) of natural gas have fallen 36%.
- ★ America's [annual LNG exports](#) have grown 153-fold since 2015.
  - American [LNG exports](#) have helped to blunt Russia's weaponization of its natural gas supplies to American allies in Europe.

**BANNING FRACKING WOULD IMPOSE COSTS ON AMERICAN CONSUMERS, WORKERS, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND AMERICA'S NATIONAL SECURITY.**