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Mr. Andrew Maykuth  
Philadelphia Inquirer  
Via email: [amaykuth@phillynews.com](mailto:amaykuth@phillynews.com)

**RE: Letter to the Editor/S.R. 214**

Dear Mr. Maykuth:

Pennsylvania resources are changing the worldwide energy exports equation.

Russia now dominates the European market to its economic and political advantage. It has leveraged its energy position for years, causing difficulties in places like the Ukraine by disabling gas lines during the winter months.

A welcome alternative to this situation are energy exports from Pennsylvania. The U.S. recently surpassed Russia as the second-largest energy producer in the world, with Pennsylvania and the Appalachian region leading in natural gas production.

Natural gas shipments from Pennsylvania to Europe strengthen our national security posture and build stronger ties with allies. At the same time, they bring local benefits to Delaware River ports in the form of permanent, family-sustaining, quality jobs critical to a strong and growing middle class.

Energy production in the U.S. equals energy independence. It also lessens our allies' overreliance on Russian energy. The Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay applauds the recent unanimously passed Senate Resolution S.R. 214 and its strong support of Pennsylvania's energy exports.

Sincerely,

Dennis Rochford  
President

cc: Lisa Himber