



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Secretary of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 16, 2015

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Murkowski:

Thank you for your cosigned letter expressing your support for expanding the U.S.-Mexican energy relationship. I appreciate knowing of your support for the Department of Commerce to approve applications for swap transactions with Mexico, in which U.S. light oil is exchanged for Mexican heavy oil, and for the Obama Administration to issue a broader "national interest" finding that would allow for U.S. crude oil exports to Mexico, similar to that which is in place for exports to Canada.

Due to statutory confidentiality provisions, I am unable to comment on any specific license applications the Department may have received for crude oil exchanges with Mexico. The Bureau of Industry and Security's regulations have long implemented the provisions in relevant laws allowing the exchange of crude oil with adjacent foreign states. Regarding a national interest finding for crude oil exports to Mexico, I value your input and will keep your values in mind in the future.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further concerns or questions, please have your staff contact Margaret Cummysky, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny Pritzker".

Penny Pritzker