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# H. R. 2198

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 10, 2019

Mr. DEFAZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reaffirming Constitu-  
5 tional Property Rights Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR EX-**  
2 **PORTS.**

3 Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717f)  
4 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(i) Notwithstanding subsection (h), a holder of a  
7 certificate of public convenience and necessity may not ex-  
8 ercise the right of eminent domain with respect to a pipe-  
9 line to be constructed for the purpose of transporting nat-  
10 ural gas to an LNG terminal for export to a foreign coun-  
11 try from the United States.”.

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