

I am writing to oppose PRONAV's proposal to re-flag eight LNG ships, currently the last remaining American flagged LNGs.

Our country's security and sovereignty are threatened by elimination of US flagged ships. What was once a proud maritime heritage has been reduced to a blindly profit-motivated exercise in taking advantage of lax safety and environmental rules established by other countries.

Please do not allow the re-flagging of these ships. Without a strong merchant marine, we are at the mercy of shipping magnates and countries with agendas that differ greatly from ours.

Thanks for your attention.

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