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## **Independent Studies Confirm: Repealing the Ban on U.S. Crude Oil Exports Will Lower U.S. Gasoline Prices**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. (November 19, 2014)** – Today, Producers for American Crude Oil Exports (PACE) Executive Director George Baker responded to false claims about the effect of repealing U.S. crude oil exports on domestic gasoline prices. In fact, according to multiple independent studies, including one by the federal government, lifting the ban on U.S. crude oil exports will lower gasoline prices for American consumers.

“Repealing the ban on U.S. crude oil exports will not only create hundreds of thousands of jobs and grow the economy, it will benefit consumers by lowering U.S. gasoline prices. That repeal will lead to lower gasoline prices is a conclusion supported by no less than seven independent economic studies released in the last year. Any claim to the contrary goes against the findings of, among others, the Brookings Institution, IHS Energy, the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, and the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Moreover, such a claim lacks support from a single independent economic study.

“Basic economics are at play here. As the U.S. Energy Information Administration recently pointed out, U.S. gasoline prices are based on international crude oil prices, not domestic crude oil prices. Therefore, allowing U.S. crude exports would increase U.S. production, which means greater global oil supplies. With more global supplies, global crude prices will fall; as global crude prices fall, so too will domestic gasoline prices. For this and many other reasons, the time to repeal the ban is now.”

The key conclusions from recent studies on the domestic impact of U.S. crude oil exports can be found below.

- [IHS Energy](#): “Since US gasoline is priced off global gasoline prices, not domestic crude prices, the reduction will flow back into lower prices at the pump – reducing the gasoline price 8 cents a gallon. The savings for motorists is \$265 billion over the 2016 – 2030 period.”
- [ICF International](#): Lowered prices as a result of the crude export ban “could save American consumers up to \$5.8 billion per year, on average, over the 2015 – 2035 period.”
- [Resources for the Future](#): “A better allocation of refinery activity will result in more gasoline production, which will lower gasoline prices.”
- [Dallas Federal Reserve Bank](#): “U.S. consumers also stand to benefit from lower retail fuel prices.”
- [Brookings Institution](#): “The increase in U.S. oil production makes world oil prices fall. Accordingly, so do U.S. gasoline and diesel prices, at least temporarily. This lowers the costs of production for all kinds of businesses and makes households better off.”
- [Aspen Institute](#): “[E]nding the ban would not raise the price of petroleum products like gasoline but would actually put some, if modest, downward pressure on these prices .”



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- [U.S. Government Accountability Office \(GAO\)](#) : “The studies we reviewed and most of the stakeholders we interviewed suggest that consumer fuel prices, such as gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel, could decrease as a result of removing crude oil export restrictions.”

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