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Dear Mr. Steven Chu:

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am a field biologist here in Ohio, familiar with the geology of the Marcellus and Utica formations. I strongly support the presently-regulated extraction of natural gas, natural gas liquids, and oil from these deep formations. Exceedingly important is the export of these hydrocarbons, for balance of payments concerns, and reduced world oil prices.

Exporting LNG is an amazing opportunity for America and should be allowed without unnecessary restriction. Sharing our plentiful resources with our trading partners around the world will reduce our country's trade deficit. Producing more clean burning natural gas will also help reduce global greenhouse gas emissions and create tens of thousands of jobs here at home.

Minimizing or eliminating barriers to trade will drive investment in America's energy industry and make the best possible use of both the abundant resources we are so fortunate to have as well as the technology we have developed.

I urge you to stand by these findings and share them with other leaders in Washington and across the country. Exporting LNG is right for America and deserves support from the government. I am grateful for the hard work of your team at the Department of Energy.

Sincerely,  
John Blakeman

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