From:

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To: LNGStudy

Subject: 2012 LNG Export Study

To the Department of Energy:

I am writing you today on behalf of the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants in support of exporting liquefied natural gas, or LNG. A recent NERA study concluded that such exports could be a great thing for the US economy and that it could generate between \$2.6 billion to almost \$32.9 billion. It will generate new investments and jobs and attract capital from outside the US to help build domestic energy infrastructure. Additionally, LNG exports will not only drive additional production, but support thousands of additional jobs in engineering, manufacturing, construction, and operation of the export infrastructure, as well as others indirectly along the equipment supply chain.

Sincerely,

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