Today, I would like to make some comments on the Department of Energy's the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Export Study.

As a veteran, I know exporting some of America's abundant natural gas to global markets is a major opportunity for the U.S., and generates investment and jobs. These are high paying, quality jobs. These could be great opportunities for returning service men and women who may be having difficulty finding work after returning home from deployment.

Exports would also attract capital from outside the U.S. to domestic energy infrastructure projects, particularly construction of the liquefaction facilities needed to convert gas into LNG. “If this capital originates from sources outside the U.S., it will represent another form of wealth transfer into the U.S.,” the report concluded.

Lastly, after traveling around the world in my civilian life, NERA assumes that allies, such as Japan would continue to rely upon LNG to meet their natural gas demand. Selling natural gas helps close allies like Japan, a country coping with serious energy challenges, while generating economic benefits here at home.

Thank you for your time.

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