Hello,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the export of natural gas (LNG) from the United States. I'm opposed to export. I think this is a crucial time for the United States to become more energy independent. Exporting would diminish this ability. Increasing demand in the United States for natural gas-powered vehicles is also a reason not to leap into export.

Also, U.S. consumers may be burdened with increases in their natural gas rates. Who will really benefit? Large corporations and overseas buyers.

Once the gas is sold on the international market, domestic prices might increase due to growing global demand.

Also, the fracking required to extract large quantities of gas has questionable environmental impact, requiring huge amounts of water, injecting huge amounts of chemicals into strata, and possibly polluting groundwater. To expand fracking just to satisfy international markets is not wise; we might harm our environment and also our welfare through possible contamination of groundwater and increase of domestic natural gas prices.

Some of the data and studies used to justified export may be flawed or outdated. We need to look very closely at how the export would affect the economic well-being of the average citizen. Please do not give the go-ahead to export of LNG.

Sincerely,
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