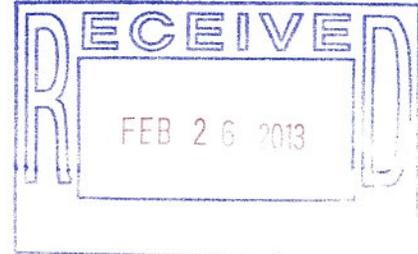


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Dear Secretary Chu-

Making innovative energy policies is a tricky business, with many factors that must be considered. The best rule of thumb is to ask yourself whether enacting a policy will help the economy by creating American jobs. If the answer is yes, you should move forward. As it happens, you can use this very paradigm when it comes to the question currently before you of whether to approve the exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Doing so would create at least 75,000 jobs, jump-start the economy, and reduce our trade imbalance. Therefore, I see no reason to hesitate for another minute.

Would you at least agree that our current situation is unacceptable? Innovative ideas are being thwarted at every turn. I am aware of a case in Cape Cod of a man who found a way to make fuel from Algae. He even had the backing of a Chinese company, but the startup was halted in court. I also know that young graduates in Cape Cod are forced to relocate in order to find work. Tourism cannot be the only industry in any community. Diverse job opportunities are required. My husband was in a business management career most of his life and handled a small manufacturing company, whose union demands forced closure that cost many people their jobs. American Smelting and Refining Company created iron from ore and was the first to hire him. They were based in Venezuela, but the native government made the land they occupied national property and pushed the company out.

Too often, people suffer when industries are stifled by undue regulation. I strongly support LNG production and export because I know it will have a positive impact on our workforce. Therefore, I request that you do not let Representative Ed Markey's letter of opposition dissuade you from heeding the positive findings of your own study. Please permit the export of LNG.

Thank you for your service,

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