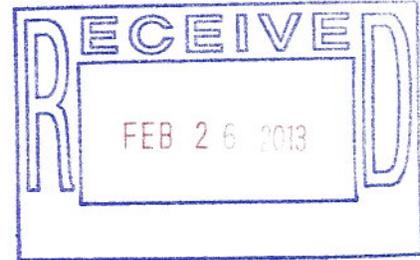


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Dear Secretary Chu:

With the unemployment rate still hovering around eight or nine percent in the greater St. Louis area, I don't see how we can afford to delay moving ahead with the exportation of liquefied natural gas. We have an abundance of supply and an abundance of demand. US Rep. Ed Markey's contrary opinion to the United States Department of Energy's study does not consider what is in America's best interest.

Admittedly, I have long been out of the work force. It's been 23 years since I retired from wholesale auto parts. Fortunately, the only family member I have affected by high unemployment is one son-in-law, who is making ends meet with a second career in music. Otherwise, all of my six children and eighteen grandchildren, who are old enough to work, are working. One of my children is a professor at Notre Dame. The high unemployment rates here have undoubtedly affected the real estate market. Some of us have seen a depreciation of our property of around twenty percent. It is decidedly harder for many in the area to purchase homes. Some of our major industries are McDonnell Douglas, Ford Motor Company and Budweiser. McDonnell Douglas and Ford Motor Company have consolidated managerial positions and had layoffs.

When we have a surplus of an American product such as liquefied natural gas, it makes no sense not to export it. This is even more true since natural gas appears to be an inexhaustible natural resource. Choose the right path for America and move forward with the proposal for the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Yours truly,

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