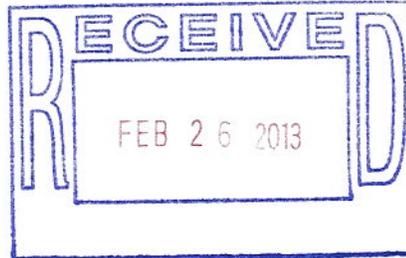


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Dear Secretary Chu-

It did not surprise me that Congressman Ed Markey of Massachusetts sent a letter to you opposing natural gas exports. I disagree with him and feel that more drilling and fracking has to go on so America can get away from imports. Consider job creation and stop putting stumbling blocks in the way of progress. America cannot continue on a downward path. I urge you to authorize liquefied natural gas exports abroad before it is too late for America.

My wife and I both recently retired and had great careers; I was a pharmacist and she was a nurse. The hospital is the biggest industry here. At one time, we had a large manufacturing plant that produced chemicals, copper, military items and metals for the mint, but it moved down south. The job situation here used to be good until all the upgrades to the refinery were finished about two years ago. Many people were left without a job. My son-in-law is in construction work; he works on driveways, does concrete work and works inside homes too. He stands to benefit from the infrastructure needed if natural gas exports are allowed.

I would much rather see things made and produced in the United States. For instance, I had a difficult time finding an American flag that was produced here. America has to stop importing goods, including our energy. I grew up in Oklahoma where gas production was huge, and I cannot remember anyone being out of work. As a matter of fact, I am still receiving royalties from my family's wells. Allow natural gas exports; this will create jobs, strengthen the economy and lessen the trade deficits.

Sincerely,

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