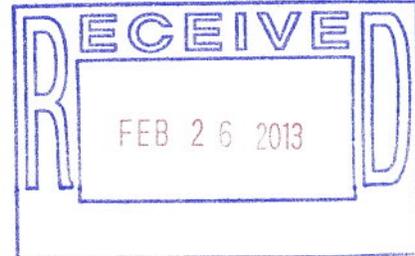


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Dear Secretary Chu,

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) has been quite controversial in our very poor state of Maine, which has just one million residents. I wish that were not the case because I believe the export of liquefied natural gas would bring an incredible infusion of wealth and jobs into the economy of this state and into our country as a whole. Furthermore, selling our domestic resources abroad will reduce our dependence on Middle Eastern countries for our fuel.

Many young people have left the city of Rockport, where I live, to find employment. Though well-educated and ready to work, these graduates are forced to leave home. There simply is not enough employment in the fields of tourism, fishing and small business to sustain our population. The exportation of LNG products would be very advantageous to our youngsters and could therefore have a direct impact on the State.

My husband and I have lived and worked in several areas of the country, including St. Louis and Illinois. We both worked for a university in that region. He was a professor and I worked in the career office. We raised our two daughters in Westchester County, New York. The girls have strong ties to our community even though they do not live here.

I urge you to ignore the letter by Representative Markey requesting that you stall the proposal. Instead, authorize the sales of LNG overseas. We have no economy in Maine without work and LNG can be our ticket to success.

Best regards,

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