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Dear Secretary Chu:

America is sitting on a surplus of natural resources, yet we cannot access it. The opportunities afforded us by utilizing these resources are unending. I am glad that we finally have a chance to put our excess natural gas to use by exporting it in liquefied form (LNG). Exporting this commodity is a wise decision. The American people have long been waiting for the revenue and job creation this will bring.

For the past thirty years, I have worked in transportation sales. I am fortunate to be one of the lucky ones who has kept a job in these difficult times. While I realize that every state in America is struggling, Minnesota has really been left far behind. We all have the usual minimum wage jobs that barely help us get by, but other states have more to offer in other respects. The coastal states have tourism; Kentucky and West Virginia had their coal mines. Even Montana profited from coal. By contrast, Minnesota has nothing to offer families that would entice them to move here. At one time, northern Minnesota had a lot of iron mines that brought jobs and revenue in, but they all moved overseas. LNG exports are a chance for our state to make a comeback. Getting money flowing back into American companies will ease their trepidations about hiring and give unemployed Americans a chance at good jobs again. Right now, businesses are afraid to take a gamble.

I know that the President downplays the state of the economy and Representative Markey opposes this exportation, but the people of America can see the whole picture. Our economy is terrible and our national debt is climbing by the second. Our only way out is to harvest our resources and put them to work for us. I can only hope that you see the benefits our Nation will reap from authorizing LNG exportation.

Thank you,


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