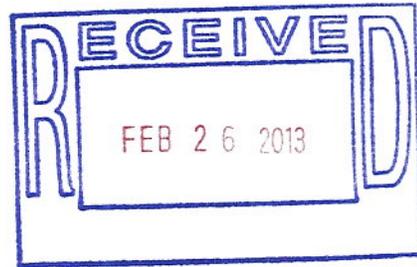


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Dear Secretary Chu-

I used to be a tool maker for a company that builds valves for oil rigs. The plant is doing so well that it has doubled in size and employs almost 2,000 people now. I know from experience that the energy industry puts many people to work here in the area. Our nation needs jobs now more than ever, and American energy development may be the solution. We need to start exporting our liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The export of LNG would expand our energy industry and help minimize our reliance on foreign goods. We can't let vocal opponents like Congressman Ed Markey slow down or stifle our growth here at home. Frankly, I'm not sure that anyone in the current Administration knows what is best for this country.

These days, it seems that everything I buy is either made overseas or packaged overseas. As our reliance on foreign products continues to grow, it is becoming very evident that we need to export now more than ever before. I see a lot of young people around here who aren't working but should be. We could easily put these young citizens to work if we expand production of natural gas and start exporting it.

Sincerely yours,

John Martin