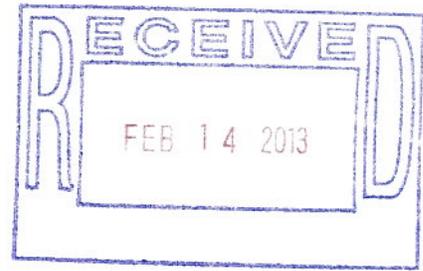


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Dear Secretary Chu:

An important decision for our country is fast approaching. The Department of Energy will be deciding to either authorize liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports or not. As the comment period comes to a close, please hear my support for exporting LNG, in spite of efforts made by Representative Markey and the like. Economic recovery, reducing our trade deficit, and massive job growth should be enough of a reason for the Department of Energy to forge ahead with authorizing LNG exports.

Americans need jobs and that is the bottom line. Jobs will pay taxes, buy homes, raise families, and put our economy back on track. I am 74 years old with four kids, ten grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. Currently retired and living in Pleasant Lake, Michigan, I worked for Ford Motor Company in Dearborn as an electrician and supervisor until 1994. At that time, one didn't worry about losing their manufacturing job to China. Today, we do not feel as secure and we cannot walk into any store without seeing products made abroad. Our recent job growth is in the negatives and people are hurting. Expanding natural gas production can turn it all around. It will revive the economy, create jobs, and bring about energy independence.

I have natural gas in my home and believe everyone can benefit from our surplus. My cottage on the lake used oil heating and it was more expensive, dirty, and had a terrible odor. Natural gas is cleaner. We have an ample supply of natural gas that could be liquefied for easier and safer transport. Opposition by Representative Markey does not make any sense; he may not be as well versed as one would think. The Department of Energy has done its research and I agree with the conclusions in that study. Authorization of LNG exports is the right choice and I support it.

Yours truly,


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