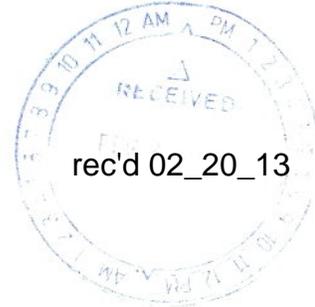


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
Office of Fossil Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu,

Despite the positive conclusions of economic studies commissioned by your office, Representative Ed Markey has sent you a letter requesting your delay on approving the exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG). My fear is that further studies and longer delays will result in a missed opportunity for this country. Our dire fiscal situation calls for a bold move before it is too late to turn this economy around.

State Senator Greenleaf is among other legislators in eastern Pennsylvania who are in favor of expanding natural gas drilling. Our state has seen far too many industries disappear through the years. Energy production brings in solid revenues and jobs to any area. Our unemployment rate is too high. As I travel through town, I see small businesses struggling to stay open. My granddaughter's husband lost his job during the economic downturn. Although he is a very talented carpenter, he has not found a good, solid fulltime job since then. They are having difficulty paying their rent and are forced to look to church food pantries to feed their three children. I am truly concerned for my granddaughter, who is not doing well emotionally during this recession. My Social Security funds are too limited to help them out.

Long term under-employment is brutal on a family. We must do everything in our power to return our citizens to prosperity. Please approve the exportation of LNG. The studies have been done; the consensus is in: The country will grow good, solid jobs if we begin to export this great product.

Best regards,

Barbara Abel

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barbara J. Abel'.