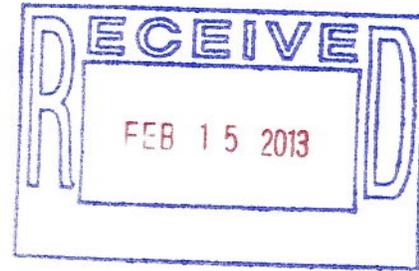


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Office of Fossil Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Here in Central Illinois, our unemployment rate is at the national level, so we could really use the jobs that exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) would bring. Exporting LNG abroad would benefit us all, and I definitely support this. On the other hand, Representative Markey sent you a letter condemning the study concerning the export of LNG. I completely disagree with his decision not to support this. He is not the one who is unemployed and looking for jobs that do not exist.

At one time, I had two part-time jobs in the retail business, but I lost both of them. There are a lot of retail businesses here but none are hiring. Fortunately, my husband has a gasoline service station business that pays our living expenses. The majority of his revenue comes from auto repairs. People are keeping their cars longer because they cannot afford the high cost to get a new one. We have Caterpillar Tractor and a smaller scale tractor company that are big employers here. Natural gas production and exports could easily open up more jobs at these companies and improve the other businesses in the area.

It seems to me that the current Administration has no regard for the unemployed; instead, they seem to be happy doling out public assistance. Liquefied natural gas exports have the potential to create new jobs, improve small businesses and give the economy a boost. I am asking you to take the next step and allow these exports to help America as a whole.

Sincerely,

Barbara Beachler

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Beachler". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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