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Dear Secretary Chu:

Since I was a little girl, energy has been a popular topic for discussion. Now that I am in my sixties, it's a pretty old conversation. It always turns to our dependence on foreign fuel, a problem that seemed overwhelming and permanent until recently. Now, we have a chance to become an exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG). This is an opportunity we should seize.

Naysayers like Rep. Ed Markey would have you believe that our resources should be retained within our borders. Doing that would only serve to further stagnate our job market. Having worked in social services aiding people in their search for employment, I know how hard that search can be.

The job search here in western Kentucky has only become harder with the closing of the General Tire and Ingersoll Rand facilities. The estimated 75,000 jobs that LNG exportation would create would go a long way towards putting those who are laid off back into careers. Let us take the opportunity to put an end to the talk, and get our economy going again.

Thanks,

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