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

The decline in American manufacturing is of personal concern to me. For many years, I have been employed as a manufacturing manager. While working in Chicago, I was involved in installing a backup power system at a facility utilizing natural gas. We did this to deal with high prices and shortages of other fuels during the Carter years. In my opinion, natural gas is better for burning than other sources of fuel. Now that I live in Florida, I am finding that jobs in my field are scarce.

The study released by the Department of Energy had some very encouraging economic forecasts regarding investment in manufacturing and job creation. This country should be exporting liquefied natural gas and giving a boost to all aspects of manufacturing. Anything we can do to reduce the trade imbalance we are living with should be taken very seriously and implemented soon. We cannot expect the economy to recover, or grow, until we increase our exports. This area relies heavily on tourism so our economy is constantly up and down.

Environmental concerns are minimal and Congressman Ed Markey should put that aside, in spite of the letter he sent you. The great amount of natural gas at our disposal is more than enough to supply our needs and bring much needed revenue back to the United States. The benefits to our citizens far outweigh any objections he has made. I hope that you will move forward soon and authorize the exports that American businesses are requesting.

Sincerely yours,


Bill Schultz