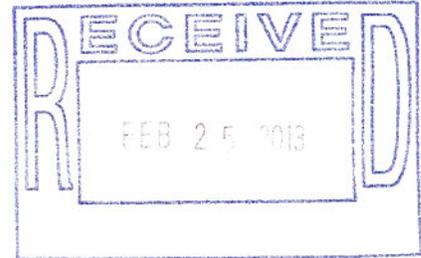


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Dear Secretary Chu:

As a self-employed financial advisor, I keep up with what is happening and being proposed in the energy industry for the benefit of my clients. As a stockholder in the only liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal approved in the United States, I am also personally invested in the success of this resource. I am in complete agreement with the projected economic advantages shown in the Department of Energy's economic study concerning LNG. More good paying jobs, additional investment in manufacturing and alleviating our trade deficit are all necessary to make our economy robust again.

Pennsylvania is my home state and has always been strong in manufacturing. Right now, the economy is holding its own at best. Increasing production and exporting natural gas would be an incentive for more manufacturing businesses to remain or locate in Pennsylvania. This could also serve to bring companies back to the United States from offshore. A plentiful supply of natural gas to power facilities is much needed, in addition to the revenue exportation would bring.

Congressman Markey is misinformed on many issues. It would serve him well not to take all that the special interest groups are telling him as fact and expect you to redo your study based on that. We need to become energy independent as well as do more exporting so our country can see net gain, not net loss, from our natural resources. There is enough natural gas and oil in this country to put the Middle East out of business. Our national security depends on the nation being self-sufficient. While you are weighing the pros and cons of issuing authorizations to export, I urge you to stick to the scientific facts. Allowing exportation is the only logical conclusion.

Thanks,

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