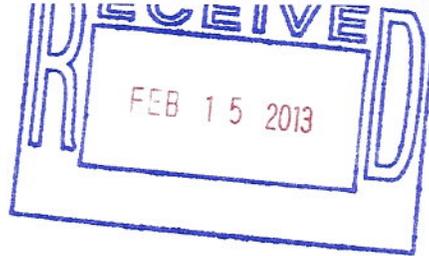


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Dear Secretary Chu:

Our area along the Mississippi River is brimming with industry. We have Exxon, Albemarle, BASF, Copolymer, a nuclear plant, and coal and natural gas-powered electric plants in Willow Glen. We also export many commodities at the local ports. Other regions of our nation are not as fortunate. Exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) would help other communities both directly and indirectly.

As a middle school math teacher for twenty-seven years, it is easy for me to see the economic benefits of exporting our excess natural gas. I believe we need to make sure we have sufficient natural gas to supply our own needs and then reap the financial rewards of exporting any surplus. I am eighty-four years old and I remember the high-wage, benefits-packed manufacturing jobs we once had in this country. I had an aunt who was a nurse in Missouri, but chose to work as a seamstress for a manufacturer because of the pay and benefits. There are many in our country who would like to see those jobs return.

Please disregard the letter and opinion of Representative Ed Markey. Do what is in the best interest of our citizens and our economy. Secretary Chu, I urge you to support the plan to export LNG.

Yours truly,

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