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Dear Secretary Chu,

Although Representative Markey does not agree with the Department of Energy's study regarding exporting liquefied natural gas, I believe this would be very beneficial for our country. It is time to put politics and agendas aside and help this country's failing economy. The export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) should be approved.

Textile manufacturing used to be the prominent industry in this area, but it has gone overseas, along with other manufacturing companies. Before I retired, I worked in manufacturing, but now this county has the third highest unemployment rate in the state. As a high school dropout, I had more job opportunities than most educated people that are presently looking for employment. Increased manufacturing jobs and an upswing in the economy that the LNG exports would create would benefit my community directly with jobs and revenue. My seven children are working, but I worry about what is ahead if we do not take steps to strengthen our economy and lower the national debt.

Jobs and the economy have to take priority over environmental issues during these economically depressed times. We should be careful with our environment, but I believe environmental agencies would completely shut down a major project for a woodpecker. There has to be some middle ground and balance. We need to do anything we can to better our economy, which means we must start exporting liquefied natural gas.

Best regards,

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