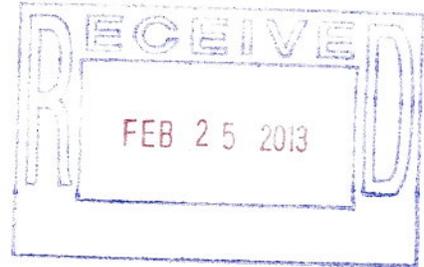


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Dear Secretary Chu,

Energy collection can be a sometimes dangerous but extremely profitable venture. I know this because I have spoken at length about it with my nephew, who works on a major pipeline up in the Dakotas. He, along with many other Americans, is making the most of this new energy industry. They should be allowed to continue to do so. One of the best ways to grow and expand this market is by encouraging the export of our natural gas to other countries.

Presently, IBM and the work that happens in the Research Triangle are some of the few industries in this area. My husband worked in real estate, but the market declined and he has been out of work since 2008. Part of the reason for the collapse of the housing market is that so many people became unemployed. New jobs are absolutely essential if we are to move forward economically. Natural gas exportation would be a terrific way to jump-start this process.

Even though the benefits are clear, natural gas exports still have vocal opponents like Ed Markey, a Congressman out of Massachusetts. It has become increasingly evident that we need the money and jobs natural gas exportation would bring. The sooner we get the ball rolling on exporting our natural gas, the sooner we'll see the variety of benefits coming our way.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bonnie Sutton".

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