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Secretary Steven Chu  
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I am totally in favor of capitalism and the free market. The government interferes in business endeavors far too much. Companies should be allowed to sell their products and make a profit here at home and overseas, especially with an abundant resource like natural gas. We have plenty, so the export of liquefied natural gas should be approved.

We do not have any natural gas production in my area or this state. We do have manufacturing, and I can envision the possibility of local factories making parts or equipment used in the liquefying process or production. Like the rest of the country, Milwaukee would benefit from some of the manufacturing dollars your study details. I have lived in Wisconsin all of my life and sell real estate here. As you know, the real estate market has been very slow for the last couple of years. People need to be working at good paying jobs to purchase property.

Congressman Markey is misinformed on many levels, given the opposition that he expressed to you. We have a great quantity of natural gas that is untapped, and there is no danger of exhausting our supply. The government does not need to interfere and hold back growth in the economy. The free market is what stimulates the economy. We should be able to compete globally and bring money back into this country. I encourage you to approve exportation of liquefied natural gas and let the free market work.

Best regards,

  
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