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Secretary Steven Chu  
2012 LNG Export Study  
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
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Dear Secretary Chu,

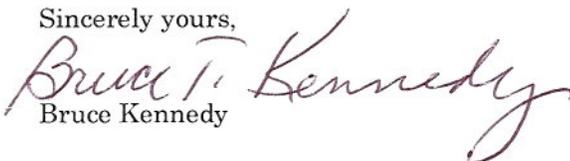
My wife, Judith, and I reside on my family farm. The land has been in my family since 1832. I am the fifth generation to live here. We have a natural gas well on our farm thanks to advances in technology. We hope to benefit and have an asset to leave for our children due to the success of fracking. The Department of Energy study having to do with exportation of liquefied natural gas, and your position on energy matters in general, are of interest to both of us. We are in total agreement with your study and see great economic benefits to our country.

The United States would certainly benefit from the much-needed source of new income that exporting natural gas would bring. Creating jobs should be of utmost concern. Just a few weeks ago, a community college in neighboring West Virginia was featured in our local paper. The college graduated around one thousand students with degrees supporting the oil and gas energy sector.

There is great demand for more production as well as a need for employees to work in all aspects of the business.

Some of the issues that Congressman Ed Markey proposed in his letter to you recently prompted a response from us. We completely disagree with his stance on depleting our natural gas supply and keeping it in reserve for the future. We have attended gatherings locally with energy company representatives and geologists. There is enough natural gas to keep us busy with production for one hundred years or more. Exporting natural gas, along with consuming more here at home to power vehicles is the direction we need to be heading. Approving the exports quickly would be the best thing you can do for economic growth and national prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

  
Bruce Kennedy