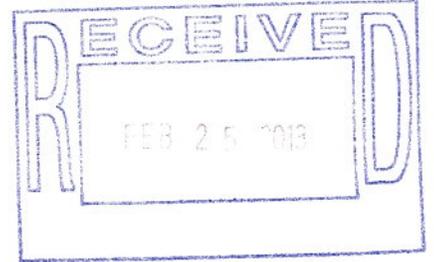


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Dear Secretary Chu:

Thank goodness we have an abundance of natural gas in the United States! Because of this bounty, we can export the surplus at a profit, thereby helping industries, creating jobs, and bolstering the economy. We spend billions of dollars importing energy every year. Why should we do so when we have valuable resources here that we can profit from through distribution to foreign buyers? Do not listen to Democratic Representative Ed Markey's negative statement. Exporting natural gas would be good for America.

As a retired school teacher in my seventies, I should not be worried about having enough money to live. While I would prefer to be relaxing during my retirement years, I am in a position where I must substitute teach at the high school for extra income just so my wife and I can get by. I am thankful to have this teaching position. So many jobs have been lost and people are struggling like never before. Thanks to unions nationwide, many companies have closed up shop and moved overseas, leaving countless Americans to wonder how they will pay their bills.

This is not what we want for America. Natural gas is a valuable commodity and we need to extract it, use it, and export it to make a difference in everyday lives. I appreciate the fact that you are seeking public comments on this issue. Please make note of the fact that I am in full support of exporting excess liquefied natural gas.

Yours truly,

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