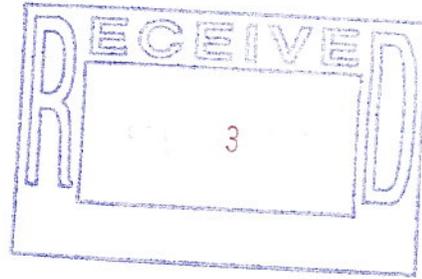


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Dear Secretary Chu:

Although GE Transportation still manufactures diesel-electric locomotives here in Erie, other manufacturing businesses are a thing of the past. I worked at Erie Resistor for twenty-three years before it moved operations to Mexico. About three hundred folks lost their jobs at that time. I later worked for Van de Kamp's foods for fourteen years until that plant moved to another state. Another three hundred residents lost employment at that time as well. There seems to be many low-wage retail jobs, but we need to bring those good-paying manufacturing jobs back to our country, which we can do by exporting liquefied natural gas.

The natural gas industry is just beginning to develop here in our area. My sister, who is fifty-nine and I, at age seventy-seven, share a first floor apartment to save on expenses, and we use natural gas for heat. This is less expensive than most heating fuels. We must watch every penny. Because of a health issue, I must eat gluten-free food; one loaf of bread is six dollars! It is upsetting to see gasoline jump from \$3.36 to \$3.59 in less than two weeks. Many people are out of work and are much worse off than I am.

Secretary Chu, I hope that you will dismiss the letter from Rep. Ed Mackey in which he speaks against exporting liquefied natural gas. It only stands to reason that since we have such an abundance of this resource here in our country, we should reap the rewards of exporting it to other nations. This should encourage manufacturers to return to our country and provide those decent jobs our citizens need. Please support the proposal to export liquefied natural gas.

Yours truly,

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