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

Natural gas has the reputation of being more economical as well as a cleaner burning fuel. The good outweighs the bad in all aspects, and we have an abundance of this renewable product. Using this to our advantage will help America prosper in many ways. Allowing the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) will put our resource to work for us while bringing money and jobs back to our country. If we use our resources and stop importing everything, then we can begin to bring our deficit down and wean off foreign supply.

Since I am retired now, I do not feel the pain as some of our friends and family do with the rising costs. I was fortunate enough to work as a nurse these past years; it is a profession that is always in demand. Some of my granddaughters followed in my path. I wish we could all be secure in our jobs again. Jefferson Parrish needs jobs. Our state has been taking hit after hit in the past years. New Orleans is still recovering from the hurricane. The economy just makes things doubly hard on these folks.

I urge you to follow the right path by allowing the export of LNG and bringing jobs back home. Our people have lost so much and we need some hope. I understand you have gotten a letter of concern from Congressman Markey; there will always be opposition no matter what the issue. Listen to the people who will benefit the most from this. Revenue from this export will help ease some of the deficit burden and put a few dollars back into our pockets, so please do what is best for this country.

Best regards,

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