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Dear Secretary Chu,

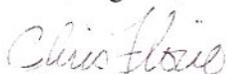
Proposals such as the one you are currently exploring regarding exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) would have instantly grabbed my attention when I worked as a government official. I served 25 years in county government for Cuyahoga County here in Ohio. Our governance encompassed the metropolitan area of Cleveland, as well as small bedroom communities like my town of North Royalton.

If this suggestion to export LNG had crossed my desk, I would have quickly recognized how implementing it would benefit communities like mine.

Cleveland relies on two industries: steel and healthcare. LNG exportation would require the creation of more jobs relating to energy such as the production of pipe and the facilities to liquefy gas for transportation. Even if our community didn't benefit directly, surely increased production on any level would have an effect on steel demand. This county would work hard to see that this export went through.

In the past, we have had opportunities to support the energy industries with endeavors such as the Alaskan Pipeline. Tragically, those efforts were blocked by counter-productive members of government, just as **Representative Markey** is now attempting to do with this project. We are importing far too much as it is, and we need exports like LNG to balance the trade. Please disregard the detractors and approve this proposal.

Best regards,


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