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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

Representative Ed Markey sent you a letter opposing the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). While I have no opinion of the Congressman, I do think the Department of Energy needs to make every effort to authorize LNG exports as soon as possible. Quite simply, exporting our liquefied natural gas surplus is something we should do in order to bring money into the United States.

As a housewife in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, I am very pleased with the natural gas we use in our home. We switched from coal to natural gas and find it to have been a great change. Natural gas is cleaner, cheaper, and does not require maintenance. Coal was more expensive, dirty, and you had to tend to the fire. Natural gas can be found in the area, but I haven't seen an expansion in drilling or production yet. This may be because Pottsville is a coal region and we are seeing the industry disappear. The unemployment rate is high and with the lack of industries in Pottsville, people are searching for work outside of town. My daughter works in the health field outside of town; my son also worked in the health field, but hospital cuts were made and he is now looking for work again.

The exportation of liquefied natural gas will have a trickle-down effect. It will expand natural gas production, which will create more jobs, balance out our importing and lack of exporting, and fix our economy. All of our importing has created jobs for other countries, but it is time we do the same for our people. Charity starts at home. I am confident that you will make the right decision and authorize LNG exports.

Sincerely yours,

Cindy Bohr