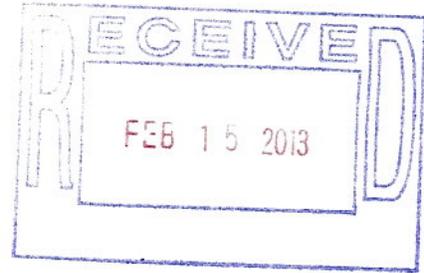


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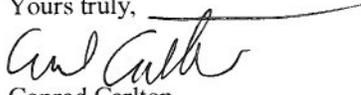
Dear Secretary Chu:

The government should consider jobs first when creating energy policies. As employment opportunities increase, the economy generally flourishes. Without a doubt, the recession has brought job loss and tight budgets to countless Americans. As we seek solutions to our woes, natural gas is a logical answer. Plentiful, clean and cheap, natural gas can be found in abundance in many locations across the country. Exporting our surplus and profiting from its sale makes a great deal of sense.

Doing so would bring about an influx of revenue. In addition, it would help to reduce the imbalance we currently see between imports and exports. We need to once again become a nation that sells more to foreign countries than we buy. Corporations' tax rates of approximately thirty percent should be reduced in order to bring back manufacturing jobs from overseas. Iowa is a farming state, rich in land and also home to several John Deere farm machinery manufacturing plants. Thanks to these industries, unemployment is under six percent here. Imagine how much more successful we could be if we gained the economic boon of natural gas exportation!

As a retired physicist who worked at a government operation called China Lake Naval Lab in California for 15 years, I understand our continuing need for fossil fuels. Many people do not realize that even so-called "green" electric cars require coal, just as power plants do. Moreover, we have not gotten to the point of being able to use alternative energy for jet fuel. Secretary Chu, I ask that you disregard Representative Ed Markey's opposition to liquefied natural gas exportation. His objections do not hold water and are far outweighed by our need for jobs and economic revitalization.

Yours truly,



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