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Dear Secretary Chu-

The most important thing policy makers should be doing when setting energy policies is research and finding ways to utilize energy within our own country. Whether it is coal, oil, or natural gas it belongs to us and we should be able to utilize it domestically on a private and national level. Congressman Markey of Massachusetts recently expressed his concerns about exporting liquefied natural gas, and I have to disagree with his stance. It is unbelievable that our leaders think it is in our best interest to import energy resources from abroad, when we have an abundance here.

The economy and job market are pretty bad here, even though we have the auto industry and other manufacturers nearby. My husband, Joe, works for a manufacturing company and I do secretarial work. A lot of my family members work for Ford and will certainly benefit from LNG exports. With an improved economy, more people will buy new cars. I know a lot of people who are out of work that will benefit from manufacturing jobs if natural gas exports are allowed. I have lived here my whole life and have seen good economic times as well as bad economic times. There have been so many layoffs in the Detroit Metro area that an unbelievable amount of people decided to leave the state to find work.

We need to stop putting money into the pockets of people who detest us and start using what natural resources we have here. I think it is a great idea to export LNG. The economy, jobs, and America being self-reliant should be a priority for all elected officials. Please push forward in exporting our surplus natural gas abroad.

Sincerely,


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