

Secretary Steven Chu  
2012 LNG Export Study  
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Anything that would bring manufacturing back to America should be our number one priority. The exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) is the light at the end of the tunnel we have been waiting for. There is too much at stake if you do not approve this measure. I urge you to set aside Representative Ed Markey's objections and give this new export a chance.

Restaurants are a good indication of how well a city is doing. From what I see, Hopkinsville is doing just fine. Our restaurants are bustling. We owe that to several successful coal mines, Tyson Chicken, and Fort Campbell. Our Tyson plant distributes chicken to huge grocery chains and box stores across the country. It is so productive that it sells one million chicken feet to China each week. The manufacturing side of Fort Campbell employs thousands of civilians. The coal mines have been in business for years, and their workers do quite well. A friend's son makes about \$80,000 a year as an electrician for a nearby mine. Our unemployment rate is relatively low compared to the rest of the country. We have industry to thank for that.

Alas, we have not escaped outsourcing of industry entirely. A new church choir member recently told me that her husband's company, Brooks Brothers, transferred him to Asia. He is a quality control manager. Brooks Brothers, as is the case with most other clothiers, no longer makes their goods in the States. She and the children do not get to visit him very often, as the trip is too grueling. He would rather work here, but that is not possible. Increased production of natural gas for exportation will only help the country's economy and perhaps bring some of these jobs back home. Please do not allow a handful of special interest groups to impede our progress.

Thank you for your help.

Daniel Somerville

A handwritten signature in blue ink is written over the typed name 'Daniel Somerville'. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Daniel Somerville'.