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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

My town is in limbo, prevented from taking advantage of our natural gas deposits because of red tape. We Forest City, Pennsylvania, residents must content ourselves with living vicariously through our neighbors in Susquehanna Township. Their community is booming with production, while we remain in a holding pattern in consideration of the Delaware River. West Bradford Township is also seeing terrific profits.

It's a shame. We could really use those oil and natural gas jobs. Moreover, exporting natural gas in its liquefied form (LNG) would most definitely send a positive charge through this city and region. Presently, not much manufacturing is happening here. I make my living as a part-time farmer, raising hens for eggs, cutting hay and producing maple syrup. We are able to tap 50 or 60 gallons of the syrup to sell, 100 in a good season. Cold nights and warm days are needed to get a good crop of the sugar. Last year's yield was not the highest. On a positive note, the product is in great demand. That is also the kind of guarantee that LNG exportation can return.

Not many harvests are as plentiful and certain as natural gas. Plus, it has the residual effect of creating jobs in engineering, manufacturing and construction, along with shifting our trade imbalance. I would like to see all these benefits come to the US. Perhaps we will even be ready to take advantage of them in Forest City. Don't let Congressman Markey plant doubts in your mind about the efficacy of LNG exportation. The time to act is now. We don't want to be in limbo anymore.

Thank you,


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