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Dear Secretary Chu-

Converting natural gas to liquefied natural gas (LNG) and exporting it overseas is a good idea. This country is so far in debt, and people are struggling to find work all over the country. Approving the exportation of liquefied natural gas will help everyone, not just here in Arkansas, but everywhere.

The economy here in Marianna is not the best. This is a rural area that is mostly agricultural. I have lived here almost all my life and am now retired. Over the years, I have taught school, owned a business and worked as an officer for the Farm Credit Bureau. Although there is no drilling being done in my area, there is in other parts of Arkansas. My brother in Judsonia is still receiving money from the oil company, and there is great deal of drilling up towards Searcy. There are also numerous pipelines in my state. Arkansas stands to benefit a great deal from the export of LNG.

We need to keep developing our natural gas resources. Despite the opposition of others such as Rep. Ed Markey, I believe that exporting liquefied natural gas will bring jobs and economic growth to my state and to this country. I worry about the future of my children and grandchildren if we do not do something to turn our economy around, so we need your approval to start exporting LNG as soon as possible.

Thank you for your service,

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