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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Increased job opportunities are a necessity in this country, and I disagree with Representative Ed Markey's objections to the Department of Energy's study on exporting liquefied natural gas. This area was ahead of the curve for employment before the demand for natural gas declined. My husband was employed in the energy industry until production went down and then found employment with General Motors, until they closed. He is now driving a truck for a local company. One of my two children is a college graduate and a biomedical engineer, and she cannot find employment.

It is difficult to find work and employment that is never secure. This country needs the jobs that exporting this resource will provide. Supply of natural gas is not an issue when considering exporting to other nations. We have a natural gas well just sitting on our property and the gas is not in demand. Numerous residents in this area also have wells on their property and are in the same position. Many of these residents depend on their royalties to pay their bills as well. Increased production of natural gas to export would really give an economic boost to this vicinity. The entire country would benefit from exporting, in fact. Our economy needs the revenue it would stimulate, and our trade deficit could be balanced out as well.

Getting more people back on company payrolls will improve the economy. More money for people to spend and increased tax revenues would be a very good thing as well. An approval for exporting liquefied natural gas should be given by the Department of Energy as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


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