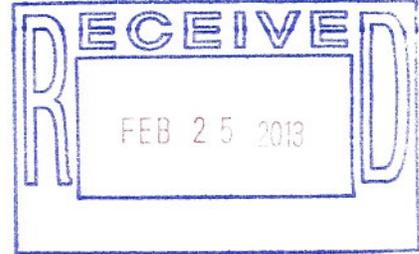


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Dear Secretary Chu-

The country in general is in desperate need of more jobs, and our economy is in need of the cash flow. The ability to export a natural resource that we have in abundance could solve both of those issues. Since the technology has been developed to allow us to liquefy natural gas, we need to export it so that this country can get back on the path to recovery.

Even though I am retired and not looking for work, the unemployment in many areas is still extremely high. My husband and I owned a used car lot, which we have closed, but he still buys and sells vehicles wholesale. Actually, this area is doing fairly well and was not heavily affected by the economic downturn. However, that is because of the Air Force base here which helps to support our area. Also, we have energy production going on just south of us as well.

Everyone who is aware of the possibility of this country exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) is entitled to their opinion. I sincerely hope that you weigh all sides before making a final decision. But, unless Representative Markey has a scientific degree or background, I think it would be best for him to leave the argument against exporting LNG in the hands of the experts. Exporting this abundant resource would be a solution to many of our problems.

Sincerely yours,