Dear Secretary Chu,

I am a retired missionary and I have served in far off places such as Africa, which is where my children were raised. The majority of people in my community are retired from the petroleum industry, and I am very familiar with the benefits of exporting our surplus natural gas. The exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) should be a high priority for our current administration.

In the past, I lived in the Rio Grande Valley, and there was natural gas drilling all around there in south Texas. It just makes sense that when there is increased cash flow brought about by natural gas drilling, every industry benefits. This is something that could be happening all across the country right now if the government listens to its own citizens.

Texas is a great example of the benefits of utilizing our natural resources. Although I am no longer in the job market, my state leads the nation in producing jobs. Exxon is building a gigantic complex near here which will bring even more jobs, and there are new industries coming here every day. You need to give strong consideration to exporting LNG, because it will create jobs and help our economy flourish. The opponents of allowing exportation, such as Representative Ed Markey, have to realize that their measures are hurting our country in a time of need.

Best regards,

Don Brown