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Dear Secretary Chu:

Energy drives the economy in this part of Louisiana. That is why I am always excited when I hear about new energy proposals that will have a positive influence on this part of the country. The proposal before the Department of Energy calling for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) is a great idea that should be approved with all expediency. I trust the positive report issued by the Department of Energy will take precedence over the environmentalist naysayers, like Rep. Markey appeared to be with his comments to you, when it comes to approving this proposal.

The economy in and around Houma is hopping. As a retired dry cleaner, I still keep up on the business climate in this area. There are plenty of jobs for those who like to work hard and want to make a good living. Our location on the Gulf means that oil is big business around here. I have many friends and family involved in the industry, including a stepson who works out on a rig.

I imagine that if natural gas exports are approved, it will bring even more business to this thriving area. Louisiana has an abundant supply of natural gas that could and should be accessed. Furthermore, this would be an ideal location for an LNG shipment center, situated right on the Gulf as we are. Let's keep our economy here moving in the right direction and grant the approval for LNG exporting.

Regards,

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