

Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Although it is getting harder than ever to find American products in stores, I try my best to buy American made products whenever I can, even if it ends up costing me a bit more. Part of the reason I always buy American made goods is that we have been importing too much from countries like China when we should be exporting. The American people need jobs, our economy is in dire need of help, and exporting our excess natural gas in liquid form could remedy this for us.

At this moment in time, the United States has been acquiring record numbers of natural gas through the use of advanced new techniques. As the abundance of natural gas supply increases, the natural gas industry would like to begin exporting. This county has one of the highest unemployment rates around, at a staggering ten percent, and was only really prosperous around sixty-five years ago. We do have a Caterpillar plant somewhat close by that I worked at, but they could really use a rise in manufacturing employment. We do have Ameren, a gas provider, which has been here for forty years now and employs a lot of people. There is also the huge tire plant that has been here for thirty-five years. I personally like this area because it is rural, but more expansion would always be welcome.

There is one person in Massachusetts, Rep. Ed Markey, who has spoken out to you, asking you to slow the progress of liquefied natural gas exports. The trade deficit is already so far out of whack - we need to take action immediately and begin exporting instead of importing everything. Developing our natural gas industry by allowing the export of LNG could potentially grow the manufacturing job sector here, as well as repair our economy and unemployment rates.

Yours truly,

Donald Summers