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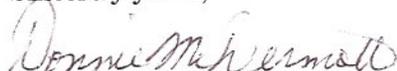
Dear Secretary Chu-

Thank goodness for natural gas and oil development. It has made a profound difference in my livelihood and the prosperity of Dacoma, Oklahoma. As a private contractor for a company working for the energy developers, I am a land man purchasing the rights of way to build lines for gathering systems. In my seven-plus years on the job, my income has increased approximately 50% which has made all the difference to me and my family. Because of energy development, I am in a position to save money for retirement so that Social Security will not be my sole income.

I can really get behind a plan to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) overseas using our surplus gas. We have so much natural gas that we have trouble getting rid of it. During the drilling process for oil, natural gas is produced at the same time. We build gathering systems for the gas but it is so abundant that we are venting & flaring much of it just to tap the oil. Frankly, all this natural gas is holding up the oil production because it is so plentiful. Exporting it to other nations makes sense, which is probably why Representative Ed Markey is attempting to block the trade exports.

Prior to oil and gas development in this rural region, the economy was in complete depression, lacking opportunity for jobs, and young people were leaving to pursue jobs in other places. Today, there is no reason anyone cannot get a job here. Energy exploration is allowing families to remain together while providing wages that give us hope and a bright financial future. The measures at hand to export LNG solve many problems, and I encourage you to move ahead with authorization.

Sincerely yours,


Donnie McDermott