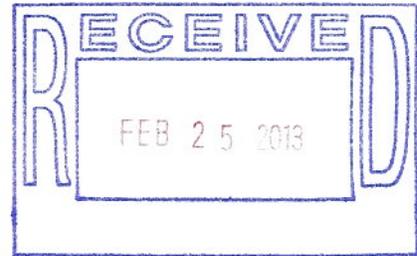


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Dear Secretary Chu-

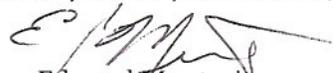
When I say that jobs and the economy have to be high priorities when making energy policies, I do not mean that environmental concerns should be discounted. Nevertheless, I know that we need free enterprise or we will see a continual decline in the nation's finances and international status. Politicians should be less self-involved and wake up to national issues that require attention, including making energy decisions that will sustain us for generations to come. Being allowed to export our liquefied natural gas (LNG) is one of the best examples of an opportunity we cannot afford to waste.

Before the closing of the Kennedy Space Center, 20,000 men and women had excellent employment in that industry. Ninety percent of them lost their jobs. Unfortunately, there was no alternative industry that was able to cushion the blow to the community. All the local commerce has been suffering as a result. Hopefully, we will begin to see an influx of vacationers from other parts of the nation that are currently prospering. Those who have benefited from the natural gas boom in North Dakota and Pennsylvania come to mind.

Before retiring to Florida, I worked in finance and I have seen the consequences of foreign product dependence. It even affected my personal life when it came time to buy a replacement toilet. I was dismayed to learn that my new one had come all the way from China. Although I prefer American made merchandise and get it whenever possible, doing so is becoming increasingly difficult, especially now that more is being manufactured in Mexico. It is time to once again become an exporting nation.

While there is no natural gas drilling in my area, we would still indirectly benefit from increased LNG production and exportation. In his letter, Representative Markey laid out flaws he and other anti-LNG Congressmen believe to be found in the study you released. I do not support his stance. Therefore, I ask that you authorize the exportation of LNG.

Thank you for your service,



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