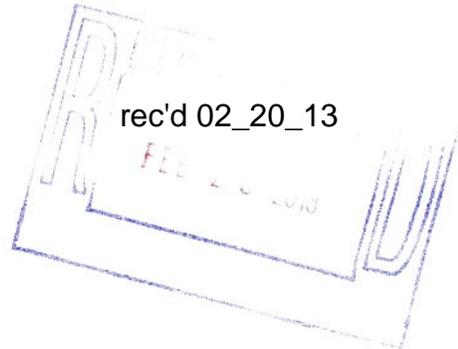


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Dear Secretary Chu,

An approval by the Department of Energy for the exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) would bounce the American economy in the right direction. Our country should quickly take advantage of this opportunity because we desperately need solutions to get out of this fiscal mess. As a father of grown children and a grandfather, I am concerned because decisions made now will affect their future. Although Representative Ed Markey does not agree with the study made by your department, I believe it points out the economic advantages the nation will experience if the exports are authorized.

We have to give jobs and economic growth priority when it comes to extracting our natural gas, even though it will make government environmental and energy agencies uncomfortable. Extreme regulations should be relaxed because production and growth have been hampered for too long. We have the God-given resources in this country that will allow us to prosper. Regulations are necessary, but they have gone too far and eliminated too many necessary jobs.

Being retired since 1981 from IBM, I have not had to contend with employment issues. However, I am aware of the nationwide shortage of jobs that could be helped by the additional employment opportunities that will be available if we can export LNG. In the area where I reside, there are factories that could benefit by virtue of additional exports. Increased jobs mean increased spending that would put money in the economy. More tax revenues could possibly aid in lowering the unfathomable national debt. We cannot afford to pass up all of the advantages of LNG exportation. I ask for your support in seeing that it is implemented.

Best regards,

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