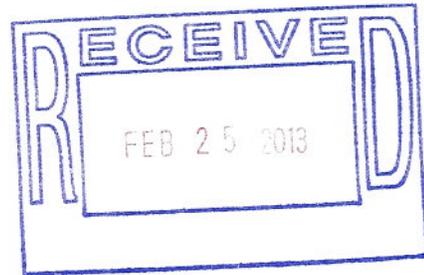


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Dear Secretary Chu,

Sixteen years ago, my husband left the space program in Huntsville, Alabama, and we moved here to Elizabethton. This is a small town and this community has a large retirement population. Thus, few jobs can be found here. Sadly, my son-in-law lost his computer job just recently.

Not as mobile as I once was, it is difficult for me to know what everyone else is doing. I try to keep pace with what is happening in the world via email, the internet, and FOX news. Through these media, I have been inspired by the North Dakota region. Their unemployment numbers are a mere three percent due to the oil and gas industries. It seems to me we could mimic their progressive approach, and institute the plan on the table to fabricate liquefied natural gas. Just as billions of dollars are poured into their state for energy, all of us can benefit from the projected \$25 billion investment for the conversion of the import stations to export posts.

My choice to stay home with our two children while my husband worked was easy. As a matter of fact, I am still seeing the rewards of that decision. My son, whom we adopted, told me recently how lucky he felt to have us as a family and how much he loved his father and me. Likewise, the verdict to move forward and process natural gas to a liquefied form for sale to entities offshore will have a far reaching affects. My thoughts are that we can be like North Dakota and have an almost non-existent unemployment rate for the whole country, because of our commitment to exporting liquefied natural gas. Representative Ed Markey needs to not stand in the way of progress that will benefit the entire nation.

Regards,

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