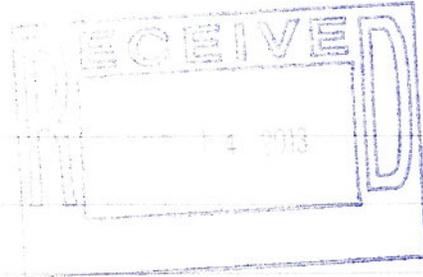


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Dear Secretary Chu-

The primary reason I support liquefied natural gas being exported is job creation. My state of North Carolina has the country's highest unemployment rate at 10 percent. Most of the tobacco, furniture, and other industries are gone and available jobs are almost nonexistent. An approval for these exports by the Department of Energy will create employment opportunities nationwide.

Our economy will improve with increased production of natural gas and the ability to sell it to an overseas market. Representative Ed Markey has informed you that he does not agree with the study conducted by the Department of Energy that cites the beneficial aspects of exporting liquefied natural gas, but I do not share his opinion. The study notes increased manufacturing and construction, and this would benefit me personally because I own a construction company, and there has been very little work in this economy.

More employment will create more tax dollars and could help get our country's debt under control. My granddaughter was born in August, and it is hard for me to comprehend that she was already \$52,000 in debt because of our nation's debt. It is time to start taking steps to address this matter, and one big step is the approval for exporting natural gas.

Thank you for your service,