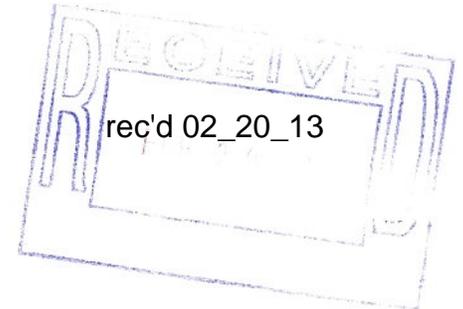


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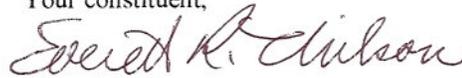
Dear Secretary Chu:

The economy in our area is still struggling somewhat, especially now during the cold winter months when the weather slows down the housing industry. We are fortunate to have some manufacturing businesses in the area such as John Deere, Lennox International, Fisher Controls, Richelieu Foods, Ritchie Industries and Heavy Equipment Manufacturing. However, I do realize how important it is to our community and others all over the country to take advantage of the chance to export liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Your department's study has indicated the benefit this would provide to our economy. It is disturbing to learn that Representative Markey of Massachusetts has spoken out against your study and opposes exporting LNG. Our citizens need jobs. We must be concerned about our record trade deficit. There is no need for our country to be dependent on others for our energy resources. We simply must make use of our own natural resources and reap the many benefits from the export of any excess.

Almost five years ago, I sold the plumbing/heating business I had taken over when my father-in-law passed away. I am semi-retired, still working at the business part-time, and I understand the obstacles many business owners face today. Affordable energy drives our economy and our business atmosphere. Developing our natural gas resources to the maximum will encourage industry here, and exporting LNG will surely create jobs and bring much needed money into our country. Secretary Chu, please listen to common sense. Approve the proposal to export LNG.

Your constituent,


Everett Wilson