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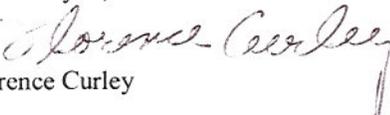
Dear Secretary Chu-

Representative Ed Markey's letter asking you to halt your approval of the exportation of natural gas leaves us scratching our heads. Your own studies have addressed every factor, and the results clearly conclude that the move would bring about enormous benefits to the American economy. You must keep our citizens in mind and jumpstart this stagnant economy.

It seems that the days of finding a solid job, buying a home, raising a family, and retiring comfortably are over. My nephew graduated from college three years ago. He has been searching for fulltime work ever since, with no success. The only openings are part-time, low-end jobs. He has no choice but to live at home, even though he is ready to begin his adult life. At this rate, he will be starting a family in his forties. What is needed to turn this economy around is a return to solid manufacturing. Those jobs provide sustainable wages and benefits. Expansion of energy production for exportation is a huge step in the right direction.

Tampa is not recovering from the recession as much as I would like. A friend of mine is in real estate. She told me that the foreclosure rate in the area may appear to be waning right now, but it is just a temporary halt. Once the robo-signing lawsuits play out in the Florida courts, lending institutions will resume foreclosures at full speed. That is not good news for this area. We are tired of seeing lower property values and shuttered businesses. Any move on your part to get people back to work would benefit all of us beyond compare. I urge you to approve the exportation of liquefied natural gas as soon as possible.

Thank you,


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