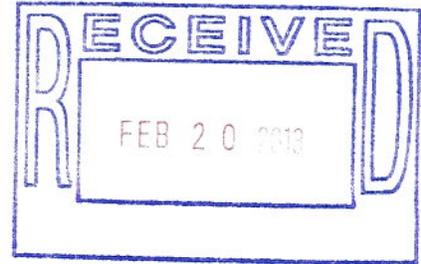


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Dear Secretary Chu:

The unemployment rate in our area is at eight percent and the only jobs available pay minimum wage, which is not sufficient to support the needs of a family. We live right outside of Chicago, and the biggest industry is tourism. The symptoms of our economic malaise are all around us. Restaurants are closing right and left here, and an increasing amount of people are out of work. Americans need jobs. The natural gas boon has given us an opportunity that we should seize. Exports of liquefied natural gas (LNG) would promote job growth. This is what this area and other parts of the country need, contrary to what Representative Markey would have you believe.

Now that we are both retired, the high cost of everyday living is a concern for us. Gerald worked for a brokerage firm, and I worked for thirty-seven years for United Airlines. The retirees of the airlines did receive some perks. As an example, we were given frequent flyer miles and Gerald and I would vacation in Hawaii, Amsterdam and Germany. However, we can no longer afford those trips because of the cost of jet fuel.

All in all, I believe that exporting natural gas to other countries will bring more high paying jobs, increase manufacturing and lessen our dependency on foreign energy. Like most other citizens, we are concerned about the economy. America has to get back on track and stop sending jobs and industries overseas. We truly need to start exporting LNG, and we urge you to allow this.

Thanks,

Gerald and Linda Cilona

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