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2012 LNG Export Study  
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Since you are taking public comments on the issue of exporting liquefied natural gas, I am writing to voice my disagreement with Representative Ed Markey's assessment of your study. The idea that we would be depleting our natural resources by exporting natural gas is a concept I cannot agree with. We have enough oil and gas in the ground that we could get rid of our federal deficit in ten years and still have plenty of consumption in the United States for years to come.

We need to reduce our dependence on foreign oil and the Islamic States that hold us hostage as well as address our national debt. As a business consultant working in the IT industry, I can tell you that the economy in my area is still stagnant. The results of the Department of Energy study are encouraging, and going forward with exporting liquefied natural gas would be a boost to the local economy as well as nationally.

Energy exploration and recovery is crucial to our energy independence. Duke Energy and the Marshall Steam plant are both located in this area. We should be utilizing all the resources available to us. While we should be wise stewards of our natural resources, far too much is made of the environmental issues, especially when you consider China and third world nations are polluting our atmosphere at a much more alarming rate. Representative Markey should be more concerned with our economy and our ability to compete in the global market.

Thank you for your help,

Harold Hansen

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold Hansen". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the printed name.