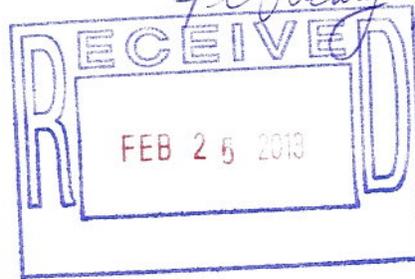


Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Congressman Ed Markey's letter to the US Department of Energy stating that the study on the benefits of exporting liquefied natural gas is flawed is itself unsound. The woes of the American economy can't wait any longer. My understanding is that America has the resources to have a huge surplus of natural gas. We shouldn't, based on his opposition, wait another two years or more to turn the economy around.

For the last five years I have only been able to work part-time hours as a respiratory therapist. This is not by choice. It's the economy. Fortunately, I'm married and we have two incomes. I am also thankful that I work in a private practice instead of a hospital setting. Hospitals today run so short staffed that the employees are run ragged, which increases the potential for making mistakes in patient care. You know the economy is in trouble when healthcare is affected. Ironically, healthcare is probably the largest industry in the Pittsburgh area. We also have family that has lost their jobs and their homes.

There is no reason to wait any longer to start exporting liquefied natural gas. We need to boost the American economy and start to get back on our feet. This has the potential to turn everything around for our country, and it would be wrong to delay progress. Please approve the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Thanks,

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