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Dear Secretary Chu,

About thirty years ago, I moved to this area with my job. The company for whom I work is a well-known food distributor who had me move all over the country. Back then, I know that we imported some of our foods from other countries, but only when it wasn't feasible to grow those foods here in the US. Producing as much as we can here at home is beneficial to us in numerous ways. Natural gas is one resource which America can produce domestically. Not only is it unnecessary to import it; it also makes a great deal of sense to export our surplus. By doing so, American companies will profit and our economy will boom.

While I am aware that unemployment is a major issue in our nation, most of the people I know who are not working are unemployed by choice. Part of the reason some of them aren't working is because there is a lack of long term, quality jobs. Aside from bringing in billions in revenue, natural gas exports could bring in many excellent new American jobs.

We should begin exporting more of our resources, as opposed to importing them from other areas. I believe that as long as we use US carriers to transport our LNG for export, distributing it to other nations could be extremely profitable for us. A certain politician from Massachusetts named Ed Markey has tried to block natural gas exports by disputing the results of the study your department conducted. We can't let one person's opinions on the matter block this exciting initiative. Please authorize LNG exportation.

Best regards,



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