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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

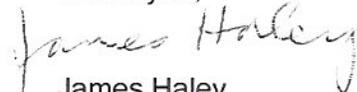
Having retired from the insurance business after twenty-eight years, I cannot say that I have benefitted directly from the industry that supplies our country with natural gas.

Nevertheless, I know that it is a resource that we have in vast quantities, and there is a demand for it. Nations all over the world are clamoring for this cleaner burning, inexpensive form of energy. Exporting natural gas in liquefied form (LNG) is a very promising venture that would benefit all in the US. It should be done without delay.

In Beaver Dams, New York, we were once a very busy area with a large base for manufacturing firms. Although there is still some work in that industry here, it has been hurt by cutbacks. LNG is potentially a very lucrative resource that is located here and in nearby regions. However, due to state and federal regulations, there is a moratorium on drilling. As a result, no one is benefitting right now.

It is difficult to understand how elected Congressmen such as Representative Ed Markey would raise objections that would hamper efforts to help this country. LNG is a clean resource, we have a surplus of it, and it should be allowed for exportation in order to help our nation move in the right direction. If the federal government cares about its citizens, it needs to let exports of LNG come into being.

Thank you,


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