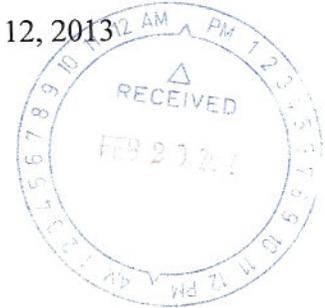


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Secretary Steven Chu  
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities  
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Re: 2012 LNG Export Study

Dear Secretary Chu:

In spite of **Representative Ed Markey's** opinionated letter against exporting our liquefied natural gas, I believe this is a fantastic opportunity. Exporting will not only help our record trade deficit but will also give us the jobs that our country so badly lacks. Putting people back to work should be the first priority of all government agencies.

After being laid off three years ago, I have not been able to find another job. The only jobs around here are fast food and restaurant type work. They only pay minimum wage, and at sixty-two years old my choices are pretty limited. Thank God my parents were raised during the Depression and taught me the value of saving, because that is what I have been surviving on these past three years. But it will not last forever and there are a lot more people like me than ever before.

Denying export possibilities is just ludicrous! Exporting will help turn the country back around, and since we have a surplus of natural gas why should we not take advantage? We are rich in natural resources and shale is a wonderful, new resource that has boundless possibilities. Job creation and economic revival are the two most important factors that should be considered and the export of LNG will provide us with both.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James A. Hilly". The signature is fluid and cursive.

James A. Hilly