

Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu-

As I see it, the main benefits of allowing for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) are job creation and a more balanced trade deficit. These are two things our country needs desperately. We should be able to export in order to help the economy and put people back to work.

As a project manager for thirty-six years in the nuclear field, I am well aware of the need for America to use our own energy resources. The economy is pretty good here in Lynchburg, and this is partly due to the electrical and nuclear plants that are located close by. Although there is no gas drilling being done in Virginia, allowing for the export of LNG will mean more jobs. Once people are working, the tourist trade in my state could benefit.

Despite Representative Markey's letter to the contrary, the studies done by the Department of Energy and others show the economic benefits of allowing for the exportation of LNG. Job creation, tax revenues and exporting rather than importing are all valid reasons to allow this proposal to go through. Whatever we can do to help America prosper, we must be allowed to do.

Thank you for your help.

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