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Dear Secretary Chu,

Exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) is an action that would be a huge economic help for our country. America is going down the tubes due to the large number of people out of work and the steadily rising national debt. It is disappointing if not surprising that Representative Ed Markey sent you a letter voicing his disapproval of the study. We have a surplus of natural gas; exporting it would give a boost to our economy. It should be approved in a timely manner.

Spending has to be reined in and new revenue must be found to control our national debt, which is looming over our economy. Exporting our resources will create thousands of jobs that will ultimately lead to an influx of revenue and a moderation of our trade imbalance. Once more people are working in high quality, steady jobs, there may be less need for entitlement programs such as public assistance and food stamps.

My community boasts a diverse pool of industries including energy and automakers. Consequently, our unemployment rate is relatively low. As for me, I am a retired minister, at least on paper. In spite of my retired status, I still go on mission trips and am an occasional chaplain on cruise ships. Having so many people out of work throughout most of the country affects every citizen. Personally, I know many individuals and families that are having a difficult time. Your department should carefully examine your own study and authorize these exports in order to initiate economic change.

Regards,


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