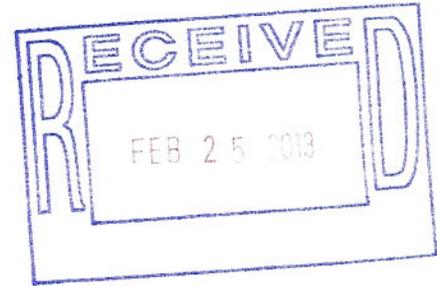


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Dear Secretary Chu,

Considering our trade deficit, jobs and the economy should be our major concern right now; and exporting liquefied natural gas is a clear option to spur growth for the United States. There are enough environmental laws to protect us. We must focus on employment, a byproduct of the exportation of liquefied natural gas, which will ultimately enhance our economy.

Port Angeles certainly is struggling as a tourism area. The only other industry here is paper, thanks to our great forests. However, with union strikes and tight margins, logging companies are hardly surviving. Our area could desperately use a more balance commercial source than Olympic Medical Center and more tourism. Especially since our government is seemingly phasing out coal, the more conversions of natural gas resources we can extract, the better. One silver lining is that our local wood traders only export logs to Japan.

Retired from the U.S. Navy and having travelled to 17 different countries -- Spain and Italy being my favorites for their rich architecture and beaches -- I am loyal to my native port. Let us show our citizens we care about them and our great nation. Demonstrate for the world our value in commodities of liquefied natural gas, and dismiss the disparaging letter from Representative Markey. We must reestablish our foothold and example in the world market.

Regards,

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