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Dear Secretary Chu-

We need not look any further than our neighbors to the north to see what investment in the energy industry can bring. Canada is taking advantage of their natural resources and bringing much needed revenue into their country. The United States should be doing the same thing. Exporting liquefied natural gas is a good place to start. If we do not try to compete in the global marketplace, other countries will profit instead. Their success will then be used against us economically in situations like the currency manipulation we currently experience with China.

Fears of climate change and greenhouse gases are like the acid rain scare tactics of the eighties. How often do we hear about acid rain now? Representative Ed Markey should ask himself that question. His objections to the findings of your newly released economic study are ridiculous and unfounded. My home state of Ohio has begun drilling for oil, and the Environmental Protection Agency and environmentalist are already pushing to shut down production. For the good of this country we must take advantage of our vast natural resources, whether gas or oil, and begin using them for our economic advantage.

In Huntsville, our economy is holding its own. Relocation of the Base Realignment and Closure missile command from Virginia has brought an economic boost to the area. However, I have lived here for thirteen years managing a grocery store and can see that more needs be done to turn the economy around. I am in support of your study and the prosperity exportation will bring to the entire country. The authorizations to export LNG should be issued without delay.

Sincerely,

James Polk