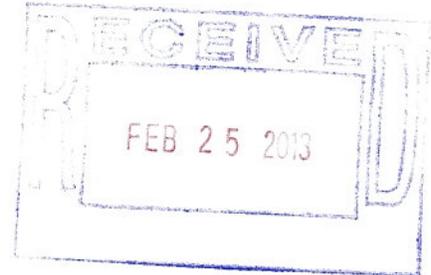


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Dear Secretary Chu:

For 31 years, I worked for US Steel Corp. in Pittsburgh, making sure the bills were paid for our facilities in the area. Coming from that part of the country, I am very familiar with shale and the benefits it provided to the community through its mining. We need to further expand that industry and allow for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG). Once we do, the entire country can reap the rewards of this resource and we can resume our place of strength on the global production stage.

Ten years ago, my position was eliminated by US Steel because of the trend toward foreign production. I started to see jobs sent overseas in the 1990s because we couldn't compete with international prices. Now that there is an opportunity to enter a worldwide market, we should seize it.

The United States is the greatest nation in the world. If we are to remain that way, we cannot listen to people like Representative Ed Markey who would have us lower our standing by refusing to countenance LNG exports. Let us further secure our place at the top by opening this export and adding another facet to our economic diversity. Your support is vital.

Thanks,

Jean Sleeper