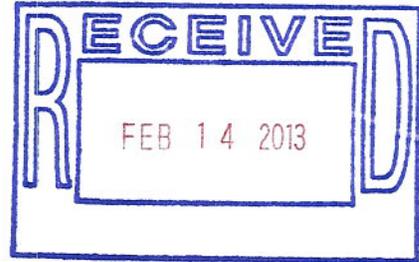


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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu-

After working in the petroleum industry for 26 years, I have much to say about how this multibillion dollar industry can help everyone. My home is in Clare, Michigan, but I have been working in Pennsylvania for three years. Congressman Ed Markey's letter to Secretary Chu shows exactly how uninformed he and the Natural Resources Committee is. I hope his letter has not swayed your decision to authorize liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports.

The Department of Energy's study states that thousands of jobs would be created, the trade deficit would be reduced, and billions of dollars would be brought into the U.S. if LNG exports were authorized. These findings are quite accurate. When a pipeline industry comes into town, the company must use 50% of the area's people as their workforce. And since it is a multibillion dollar operation, it requires a large staff. The community greatly benefits from the revenue brought to their city and the jobs created. It has a complete trickle-down effect. These jobs are not low paying either. Minimum work weeks are 60 hours and starting at the very bottom, you are guaranteed to earn \$1,400 per week. If you are in supervision, you make \$5,000 or more per week. It is a wonderful industry to work for and I have been rewarded well. I have been able to put all my children through college at Michigan State University.

Anyone who opposes LNG exportation has not considered all the bloodshed and lives lost from importing from hostile countries. It was our technology that set up the plants in the Middle East and we have been robbed by them for some time. We have the technology to develop our energy resources, liquefy our natural gas, and sell it to other markets. It is time for the U.S. to swing the hammer, claim our independence, and go from zero to hero.

Sincerely,



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