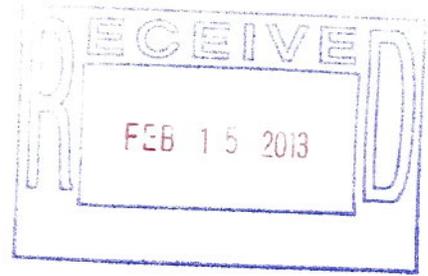


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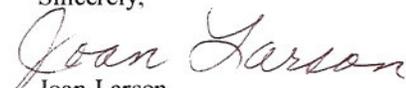
Dear Secretary Chu,

Natural gas surplus is the talk of the town. Our nation has an abundance of this commodity and we should use that to our advantage by exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG). We need jobs and money and others need a product that we have plenty of. This does not take a rocket scientist to figure out. Utilize our resources to our advantage and help our economy crawl out of the hole we have fallen into.

In my small rural area, there just is not enough to keep folks around. There are only so many jobs and way too many people applying. I spent many years as a bank secretary, but this type of employment has minimal spots. The only other options are grocery stores and pharmacies. This town downsized from so many government programs. The crop production reduction is an example. The government pays you money not to use your land. This caused people to move away from here. The ones who stay have to drive sixty miles to work. We are shrinking daily. The coal mine shut down and left three hundred people out of work. We need to make drastic changes to bring jobs back.

I beg you to authorize the LNG export. Our communities are losing families who leave in search of jobs. The rural life just does not offer anything to keep our children close. Congressman Markey's letter of opposition just shows he has no clue about the pain we feel. The money this decision will bring to us will give us hope of things to come. The jobs created can ease some of the burdens and the opportunity for expansion is wonderful. Put our resources to work for the people of America and we can start looking towards a brighter future.

Sincerely,


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