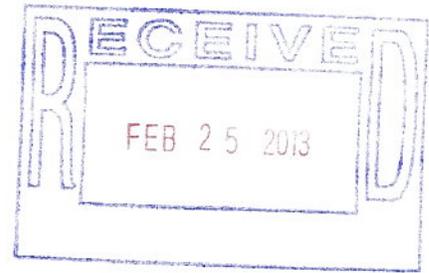


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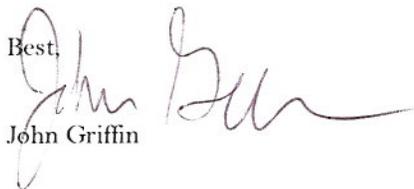
Dear Secretary Chu,

I work for the American Petroleum Institute with a position on the Michigan State Petroleum Board, so I am aware of the positive impact exporting liquefied natural gas can have. For this reason, I disagree with Representative Markey's stance and agree with the Department of Energy's study. Approval of these exports would better the economy on many fronts with job creation, increases in manufacturing, and more tax revenues. In addition, it will address the trade imbalance.

Job creation will be more acute in some areas where production occurs. Jobs will be created on a national level in transportation and manufacturers and suppliers of pipes, pumps, and other goods that are required. Increased tax revenues could be beneficial to attack the national debt if the Administration and Congress would stifle their spending. All citizens should be aware of this, and the American Petroleum Institute has created programs to educate the public. As a member of the Board, I try to do the same and I am actively involved in letter writing campaigns when there is an issue pertaining to the gas and oil industry.

Governmental agencies should make jobs and the economy the primary decision making factors when setting energy policies. This would benefit our country more than their regulations. Being involved in the energy industry, I know most of the regulations are designed to limit access to our fossil fuels and are not based on science or the environment. There are no economic benefits for anyone if these fuels remain in the ground. The benefits of exporting liquefied natural gas are obvious, so please approve this measure.

Best,


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