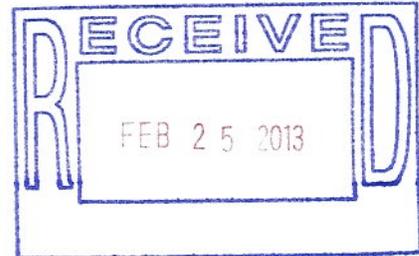


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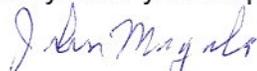
Dear Secretary Chu-

One of the problems with the country today is its poor work ethic. We need to support endeavors like exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) because it will reignite the productivity we once had. The 75,000 jobs that would be created by this bold move could be just the beginning of a positive trend for our nation and its citizens.

My claim of poor work ethic is not a baseless one. Before I settled into my 45-year career of teaching math in high schools and at Penn State Berks, I worked at Lucan Steel to help pay for college. While there, I was actually criticized for working too hard and making the others look bad. That mill closed about 20 years ago, perhaps due to poor productivity, and the jobs were sent overseas.

It seems that jobs are the only things being exported from our shores these days, and Congressman Markey would have it stay that way, as he made clear in his opposition to your study's findings on LNG exports. Offhand, I would say that we import double what we produce, which is a tragedy. What we import is junk and is nowhere near the quality of what we once produced. America greatly needs to support industry through measures like natural gas exportation if we are going to once again thrive in the global economy.

Thank you for your help,


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