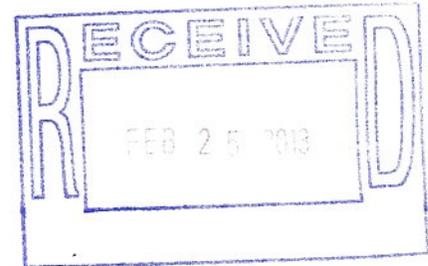


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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
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Dear Secretary Chu,

Energy resources are sold in the world market all the time. There is no reason that the United States should not take advantage of exporting liquefied natural gas and bring some of that market back to our country. The concerns cited in Congressman Ed Markey's letter to you are unfounded. Natural gas is just that, natural. It is made in the earth and will continue to be made and replenish itself.

For many years, I owned and operated a small dry cleaning plant. When I retired eighteen years ago, my daughter took over the operation. The downturn in the economy has made me think that I should have stayed in the business longer. My expenses are increasing as the cost of just about everything continues to rise. The only way we will see prices of products even out is by putting more people to work.

There has been talk of fracking in this state and reserves have been discovered. Approving exports would bring more jobs and revenue into our state as the demand for natural gas grows. I am in favor of doing whatever it takes to improve the local economy and working toward alleviating the trade imbalance our country is now dealing with. You should issue the permits needed as soon as possible and put our nation in the position to prosper.

Sincerely yours,

John Riggins