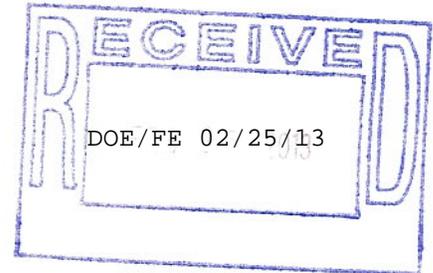


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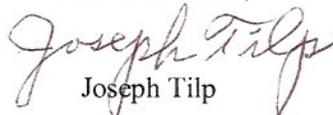
Dear Secretary Chu:

With the abundance of natural gas here in our country, exporting it in liquid form is a great opportunity for us. Selling instead of buying will benefit many and have huge impacts on the economic situation we now find ourselves in. It will bring in money as we compete with Russia and China and claim some of the income they are making.

The economy in Dubuque is pretty good and we have weathered the storm quite well. Retired from John Deere after working in assembly and the foundry, I am now seventy-three years old and have lived here all my life. We still have the John Deere Company in Dubuque as well as the tourist trade. The National Mississippi River Museum is one of our main attractions. Creating jobs would mean more people could afford to take a vacation, so this could be quite good for us.

The natural gas industry has helped North Dakota and other states. Continuing to produce it, converting it to LNG, and exporting would help all of America. Ed Markey's letter in opposition to this just does not make sense. It will create jobs in many industries, including manufacturing, steel, and construction. It will bring money into the United States, reduce our trade deficits, help our economy and put thousands back to work.

Your constituent,


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