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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu:

The Department of Energy must decide to authorize liquefied natural gas exports. Your recently published study on the net economic benefits is reason enough. There are many more reasons to allow liquefied natural gas exports, such as the much needed jobs it would create. I hope that you will authorize, in spite of Congressman Ed Markey's letter of opposition. I have thirteen children, twenty-four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; I do not want them saddled with the national debt incurred by this Administration.

I was a stay-at-home mom during the time when families could live off of one income. Moving to Brookville, after having ten children, my husband commuted to Pittsburgh each day for work. At that time, and when I was growing up, America was full of growing industries and anyone could find work. Today, this Administration has torn down what we worked so hard to build. The industries are long gone and people graduating from college cannot find work to pay off their loans. Most of my children live out of state since there are not any opportunities to find work here. We do not even have a mall, a movie theater, or any type of shopping center. I am saddened that families have been splitting up for so long, especially since the steel mills closed down. I hope liquefied natural gas production and exportation will expand. Natural gas can be found on the farmland in our surrounding areas. Expansion will hopefully provide employment to the residents in the area.

The sale of our surplus natural gas abroad will bring money into our region, economy, and lessen our national debt. Exporting would also help people in some of the poor countries afford energy and build their industry up. The Department of Energy should authorize LNG exports. Doing so will be a step in keeping families together, bringing down our debt so our future generations are not left with the burden of paying it, and help our allies who are in need.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith Croxton". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

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