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Dear Secretary Chu,

Although I consider myself to be fairly conservative, I find myself disagreeing with the policies created by both Democrats and Republicans. Too often, politicians and bureaucrats seem to fail to take into account the effect their decisions will have on ordinary citizens. For instance, we are being told to be more conservative with our resources, and I do not believe that this is the best solution. It is important that we are more open to the idea of allowing better collection and allocation of our resources. I particularly am convinced that the Department of Energy should allow the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Recently, Congressman Ed Markey spoke out in opposition to natural gas exportation. We can't allow shortsighted opinions such as his to get in the way of a movement which could be extremely beneficial to us all. If I remember correctly, the Department of Energy was founded on the concept of lowering our dependence on foreign fuel. Allowing the export of LNG is one way we can finally begin to balance our trade deficit, swinging the pendulum away from excessive reliance on imports.

My son works as a bookkeeper and has had more and more people come up to him asking why their income taxes have increased. Jobs are tight in the Bay Area and times are getting tough for most people around the nation. Exporting LNG is one clear antidote to our current economic downfall and could even bring billions of dollars back to our nation. Please do all you can to see that LNG exportation begins as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Severson