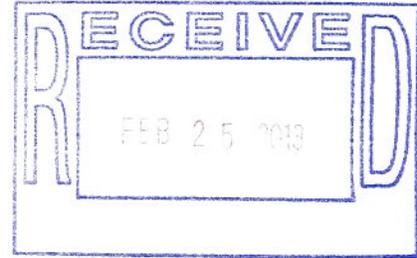


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Dear Secretary Chu:

Our agriculture industry has already been driven into the ground, and I do believe Colorado would collapse without steady natural resource development. Meeker is a boom and bust town. We are counting on you to approve the export of surplus natural gas so we can keep busy.

When they put in the pipelines for natural gas, we were booming. As usual, we lost a lot of residents when the project ended because there is no other work to be had. We have some natural gas and shale activity happening right now, but most of the wells are capped because demand is not keeping up with supply. We have more natural gas than we know what to do with, so why not sell it? Rep. Markey, environmentalists and others who oppose the LNG upgrades clearly cannot see the forest for the trees. If we want to improve our environment through innovation, we must first have revenue to pay for it.

The people in the energy industry are generous with financial donations and community contributions when they are working. I am an elementary school librarian and "boom or bust" is even written all over the children's faces. Whether it is oil, coal, mineral or shale development, we are right here in the center of it all. I have sons-in-law who work in natural gas, and they have their ups and downs as well. Restrictions in Colorado make it hard for companies to lease state or federal land for drilling without extreme measures to ensure it is environmentally correct. Approving LNG exports will not solve everything, but it is a step in the right direction and I hope you agree to take it.

Yours truly,


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