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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Not only do we have a tremendous supply of natural gas in our country, we also burn off mega-tons that could be captured for our use and for exportation. Making use of this resource here and exporting the surplus would be of great benefit to our nation and our economy. Although Representative Ed Markey openly opposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports in his letter to you, I urge you to stand up for the proposal to export LNG.

No matter what the official data shows, the economy in our area is failing. I have worked as a truck driver for seventeen years; currently, work is so slow that we are working only four days each week. Our community's only manufacturing business is Ashley Furniture, and their business is sluggish too. Although there is no drilling in our region, we were previously providing lots of frack sand for drilling in other areas. Because of unwarranted controversy, we are having a difficult time finding sales for the sand. Secretary Chu, we must begin production as well as exportation of natural gas. Jobs will be created and each of those jobs produces yet another job; the trickledown theory comes into play. If one person has money to spend, that presents the opportunity for the next person to spend that same money again, and our economy thrives.

The company that I work for is considering purchasing a semi that uses natural gas, and I volunteered to drive it. We have to use the resources we have in order to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. There are consequences for actions; there are also consequences for non-action. Please take action and approve the proposal to export liquefied natural gas.

Thank you for your service,

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