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Dear Secretary Chu-

Since I was elated to hear that the United States Department of Energy had done a study and was going to allow for the exportation of liquefied natural gas, I cannot comprehend Congressman Markey's objection to the study. The United States needs to be energy independent and we need the revenues to inject into our own economy. The Marcellus Shale has enough natural gas to last about 500 years, so there is no reason not to move forward.

I have made my home in this area for the last ten years. Currently, I am retired from the Air Force and worked as a courier in private industry. Industry here has just about dried up, so it's a good thing I made wise investments and was able to retire when I did. Many people are without jobs here and many have lost their homes. My son, who is a college graduate, could not find a job so he also joined the Air Force to learn a trade. He is a healthcare technician and now lives in the Boston area. When college graduates can't find jobs I think that's a pretty good indicator of how poor our economy is.

We need something to turn our economy around, and liquefied natural gas is the way. There is so much to be said for using natural gas. It burns clean and can be liquefied for easy transport. Our vehicles could be easily converted to use liquefied natural gas. It costs much less than coal or petroleum. Just the harvesting of natural gas could create many jobs, but if you add in all the additional potential of natural gas, even more jobs can be created. With the ample supply of natural gas in the United States, there is no valid reason not to export liquefied natural gas.

Sincerely,


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