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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
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Dear Secretary Chu,

Exporting liquefied natural gas is another good idea for our country, which I hope our government will not take a pass on. You must not listen to the misgivings on this topic that Rep. Markey of Massachusetts is trying to push forward. Like the Keystone Pipeline, this is another opportunity to turn our economy around and create jobs and we should not delay in implementing it.

There is little natural gas drilling in the area where I live in Iowa. I am a retired truck driver and all of my family is employed currently. My family does use natural gas to heat our home, and I can vouch for the fact that it is a great and affordable product. Despite the chilling temperatures here, I only spent seventy dollars last month to heat my home. I can imagine how attractive those savings would be to potential European customers, who are paying a very high price for oil at this time.

If the Department of Energy holds up the decision on this issue, I will be very disappointed. This area is currently being held hostage by the delay in the Keystone Pipeline decision. The unemployment rate here is four or five percent. Thousands of jobs are at stake for the unemployed here as a result, and I imagine it will be the same for those who seek to work in the natural gas industry. What our country needs is better work opportunities and the exportation of LNG would provide thousands of quality jobs. Let us get moving on it -- all speed ahead!

Thank you for your help,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence Andrews".

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