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Secretary Steven Chu  
2012 LNG Export Study  
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Dear Secretary Chu-

America needs to get back to what it once was; it needs to get back on top. It is a shame we have fallen far from the top when we have the capability and the resources to restore us. We have many natural resources, specifically natural gas, and we need to export. The Department of Energy has done their research on what would happen if America exported liquefied natural gas (LNG). The results are in - our economy wins. There should be no hesitation in authorizing LNG exports in spite of Representative Markey's letter of opposition.

My husband and I live in Statesville, North Carolina. I am currently retired, but I used to teach at a Christian school. Before that I was an artist and muralist. My husband works for a plant in Salisbury; he's been there for 38 years and worked his way up just like the American dream. His plant, formerly Fiber Industries, used to employ many people at one time but not anymore. That seems to be the trend in Statesville. There are lots of young people looking for work. Sometimes they do find work, but then the business closes down. I have seen more businesses moving in due to the building of the highway and bridge, but I think we would see rapid and steady growth with the expansion of natural gas drilling and production.

I am a fan of natural gas usage in the United States. It burns clean and it is efficient. As someone who grows and sells from the garden, I am always worried about pollutants and pollution. I do not have those concerns when it comes to natural gas. I think people abroad are interested in the same thing and would love the opportunity to buy from us. Selling our surplus would boost our economy and reduce our trade deficit. Exporting LNG will put America back to the top, where we belong. Who would oppose that? Please do not hesitate to authorize LNG exports.

Sincerely yours,

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