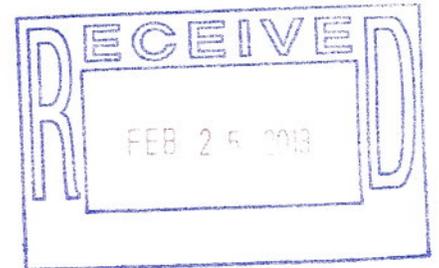


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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Exporting the natural resources we have in abundance here in the United States such as natural gas would not just be great for Texas, but for the entire nation. It would especially have a huge impact on Texas. I moved to Houston back in 1960 and have been here ever since. I would like to see the proposal to export liquefied natural gas (LNG) approved.

Having worked for Aramco for twenty years, I am well aware of what is happening in the oil and gas industries. I know how allowing for the export of LNG could help our country. We need to be allowed to develop our natural resources without interference from the EPA and despite opposition to this that Representative Ed Markey has displayed in his comments to you. The economic benefits we could realize would be huge.

Many jobs would be created or expanded if we allowed for the conversion and exportation of our natural gas, not just in the gas industry itself, but so many other industries as well. It would affect transportation, welders, steel manufacturers, the companies that supply the lubricants for fracking and the truckers who move the sand used in drilling. The shipping companies will also benefit, and Houston especially, as it is one of the major ports in this country. The authorization to export LNG overseas will help so many recover in this economy. It would mean an influx of good-paying jobs throughout the United States, and there is no reason to delay your approval.

Thank you for your service.

Manuel Contreras

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Manuel Contreras", written over the typed name.