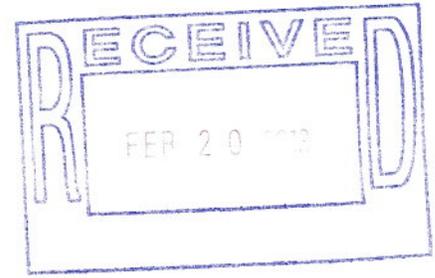


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu:

A Democrat in Texas is a rarity, but we do exist. With that being said, I think an intelligent person should be able to hear the facts, be open-minded, and not make decisions solely based on party affiliations. The Department of Energy will be deciding on a proposal that would allow for liquefied natural gas exports. They should authorize LNG exports in spite of Congressman Ed Markey's disapproval of their study.

As a homemaker in Conroe, Texas, with two wonderful children, I would like to see more jobs created. My daughter is currently in college and if job prospects were better upon her graduation due to an increase in LNG production, that would be great. Conroe is a middle class income area. We are eight miles from The Woodlands, Texas' biggest college educated city and certainly where the wealthy live. Our major industries are oil, gas, and technology. My uncle, Jerry Prestidge, was a famous oil and gas engineer from the 1970s. Still living today, he is an advocate for gas drilling in Texas. I worked for the Texas Air Control Board until 1985 as a secretary and am aware of the many requirements issued by the EPA. I certainly understand it, and I think we need to take care of the environment as well as provide jobs and fix our economy.

Since natural gas is a clean and efficient energy and we have the technology to safely extract the gas from the shale rock, expanding its production would be the next step. Since the LNG export topic has brought both sides, liberals and conservatives, together in agreement that the US would greatly benefit from increased LNG exports, I do not think Representative Ed Markey's letter represents the millions of Americans who would reap the rewards of LNG exports. I hope the Department of Energy will pass authorization of LNG exports.

Thank you,

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