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Dear Secretary Chu,

It is just plain wrong that the United States has not been able to rely on our own natural resources, all because of political posturing. Take liquefied natural gas, for instance. It seems to be a lot less controversial than drilling for oil or mining for coal, yet we have Representative Markey's objection to exporting liquefied natural gas. This must be politically motivated, as I can see no good reason for his objection.

I'm pretty familiar with objections regarding our energy resources as my husband worked for an oil company for over 35 years. In fact, he still works part-time for oil companies as a consultant. This is fortunate for us as the downturn in the economy, which hit just after he retired, caused us to lose a lot of our investments. Without his part-time work, I don't know how we would make it. The Houston area is doing fairly well because our major industries are oil, technology and healthcare. It's the unskilled workers that are bearing the brunt of the poor economy. They are now forced to work for lower wages. I feel so blessed that this is not a factor in the lives of my children and grandchild.

We need to move ahead with the exportation of liquefied natural gas. It will improve our economy and create better paying jobs. No American willing to work should be without a job or forced to take one that does not even cover their living expenses. Please put political posturing aside and do the right thing for all Americans by allowing the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Regards,

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Handwritten signature of Margo Shaw in cursive.