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Dear Secretary Chu,

You would need to have a background in both the environmental industry and accounting to wonder why United States Rep. Ed Markey has informed you that he is opposed to the US Department of Energy's study and approval of exporting liquefied natural gas. Actually, I do have a background in both and still don't understand his opposition. His opposition may cause us to lose a valuable source of revenue for the American economy.

On the other hand, you don't have to have a background in accounting to see that our economy, although improving slightly, is still troubling. There are still far too many foreclosures and people without jobs. The Denver area, where I live, still has a long battle ahead economically. Therefore, I do not see how we can pass up any opportunity to infuse much needed revenue and jobs into our nation. We must also consider how exporting natural gas shores up our energy security.

With years of experience in the environmental industry, I am familiar with very early types of hydro-fracturing. The whole process has advanced since then. My only concern would be that companies are required to divulge any chemicals used in the process. I'm sure the EPA is on top of that. My vote as an American would be to allow the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Best,

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