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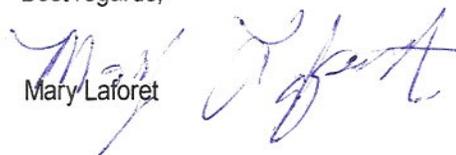
Dear Secretary Chu,

Congressman Ed Markey's letter opposing the exportation of liquefied natural gas is very disappointing. Perhaps his district is doing well, but Midland, Michigan, is not. Dow Chemical and Dow Corning are two of the biggest employers in the Midland area, and they have downsized about 3,000 jobs. The people of Midland are hurting, as are so many in this country.

Another concern I have is the dearth of jobs for returning soldiers. Many of our warriors come back wounded, some with closed head brain injury. As I have suffered from closed head brain injury since I was fifteen years old, I know how hard it is to learn to readjust to daily life. When there is a lack of jobs, it is very hard for many of these returning heroes to find work. Even my sister, who is a physician, occasionally worries about where the economy is going and how Obamacare will affect her livelihood. Being an author doesn't make me exempt from a downturn in the economy either.

We now have an exciting opportunity to finally export energy. It looks like a great start for our own energy independence, and the export of liquefied natural gas could create a multitude of greatly needed jobs. Please don't allow the naysayers to dictate energy policy at the expense of the American people.

Best regards,

  
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