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Dear Secretary Chu,

I have been following the news on liquefied natural gas exports and am very aware of its benefits. Your department will soon decide whether to authorize LNG exports or not. I support your study and hope you will decide in favor of exporting LNG in spite of Ranking Member on the house Natural Resources Committee, Ed Markey's letter of opposition.

Houston's economy is booming right now, as there is quite a bit of drilling for natural gas here. Increasing natural gas production would only add to our boom and prove to be longer lasting. I live in the energy quarter and have seen the state's economy improving from it. The nation's economy is sorely in need of a similar kind of boost. Since America has a surplus, it only makes sense to export it and reap the benefits. With eleven facilities only in need of a redesign to export, the changes necessary would not require much time and the benefits would begin quickly. Representative Markey is short-sighted and not seeing the big picture. A visit to Texas would change his and his allies' outlook.

Friends of mine have land on Eagle Ford Shale and are making quite a bit of money from leasing their land. I am retired now from a thirty-one year teaching career. No one in my family is involved in the energy business, but I know we all benefit when our citizens are doing well. Either through the increase of well-paying jobs, reducing our trade deficit, or the billions that will come to American industries from LNG exports - we all benefit in the long run. I urge your department to authorize LNG exports.

Sincerely yours,

  
Mary Townsend