



Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu:

When setting energy policy, the economy must be considered first, with its potential effect on jobs coming a close second. Liquefied natural gas exportation would not only help the economy by creating jobs, but also it is more eco-friendly than are other fossil fuels. Approving this proposal should be done without delay.

Arizona mostly produces minerals, not energy resources. Yet, even we would reap the financial benefits of LNG trade. During the economic downturn, many small retail businesses were lost to foreign competitors. This small, isolated town where I reside is dominated by the service industry because of the military presence and the large number of retirees who live here. During my working life, I was a Texas government social worker who worked with the elderly. Despite having retired, I still volunteer my time in the same profession. I can tell you that many older people are struggling to make ends meet on their fixed incomes. The entire community will eventually benefit from the influx of jobs and tax revenues that this initiative would create.

This is an issue that is important to me, so much so that I have participated in awareness-raising efforts to support it in the past. Furthermore, I use natural gas in my own home for heating. Representative Ed Markey should not be given the power to dictate the decision about something this important, no matter how much he criticized the study in his letter. Please make the most of your influential position and approve LNG exportation.

Yours truly,

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