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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Currently, I work in healthcare, but I was formerly involved in gas and oil production. In fact, I invest in energy production. Although Representative Markey disagrees with the Department of Energy's study on exporting liquefied natural gas, I believe these exports are a positive action for the country. With our economic situation looking so bleak, some action has to be taken and exporting natural gas is just good business sense. If we have a resource we are using in this country and we have excess, we should definitely sell it to other countries. Canada is a great example of this with their oil.

Our natural resources can lead the way to economic recovery. Additional jobs mean more money spent to boost the economy. Natural gas is a needed commodity throughout the world, and it will be purchased. It is better to have it purchased from us rather than giving dollars to unstable countries, some of which fund terrorism. Added tax revenue could go a long way in lowering the national debt. If we do not do something about the trade deficit and the national debt, we will be selling our children down the road. As a father of two, this is a major concern to me.

We need to develop all kinds of energy and utilize all our natural resources. Since I was previously involved in the energy industry, I am aware of the overkill in regulations, and it is time to scale them back. Regulations are important, but they go too far and are limiting our growth as a nation. My message to the Department of Energy is get these exports started.

Thanks,
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