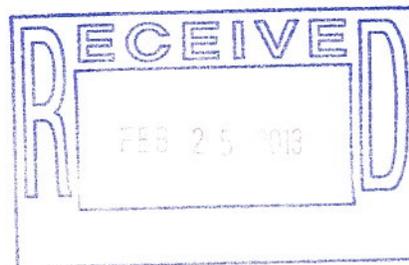


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Dear Secretary Chu-

Your recent economic study on the export of liquefied natural gas is encouraging. There have been small pockets of natural gas found in my area. The increase in production and demand could provide a boost to our economy and spur production to begin here. The possibility of increased manufacturing facilities would be most welcome.

This area of Alabama is coal country. Coal production is running at about sixty percent of capacity now, and the economy is not good. I have lived in central Alabama all of my life, and I am currently employed as a sales manager. I'm sure you know that when the economy is not strong, it affects sales of all products across the board.

The current estimates of natural gas reserves in this country state that the United States has enough for at least one hundred years right now, and they are finding more all the time. Congressman Ed Markey needs to get his facts straight on the vast supply we have available. At some point, we have to use our own energy resources and stand on our own.

We should be drilling oil and capturing our natural gas to be used for energy independence here at home as well as for exports. We are losing the import/export war to countries like China. Something has to change in order to overcome our trade imbalance. Exporting liquefied natural gas is one way we can fight the battle. Authorize the exportation of natural gas and put America in the position to once again be the strongest economy in the world.

Sincerely,

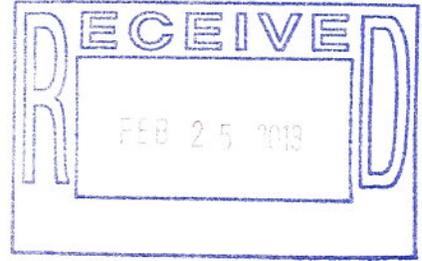
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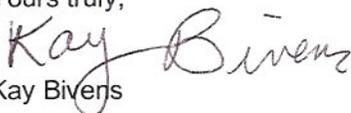
Dear Secretary Chu:

Our agriculture industry has already been driven into the ground, and I do believe Colorado would collapse without steady natural resource development. Meeker is a boom and bust town. We are counting on you to approve the export of surplus natural gas so we can keep busy.

When they put in the pipelines for natural gas, we were booming. As usual, we lost a lot of residents when the project ended because there is no other work to be had. We have some natural gas and shale activity happening right now, but most of the wells are capped because demand is not keeping up with supply. We have more natural gas than we know what to do with, so why not sell it? Rep. Markey, environmentalists and others who oppose the LNG upgrades clearly cannot see the forest for the trees. If we want to improve our environment through innovation, we must first have revenue to pay for it.

The people in the energy industry are generous with financial donations and community contributions when they are working. I am an elementary school librarian and "boom or bust" is even written all over the children's faces. Whether it is oil, coal, mineral or shale development, we are right here in the center of it all. I have sons-in-law who work in natural gas, and they have their ups and downs as well. Restrictions in Colorado make it hard for companies to lease state or federal land for drilling without extreme measures to ensure it is environmentally correct. Approving LNG exports will not solve everything, but it is a step in the right direction and I hope you agree to take it.

Yours truly,


Kay Bivens