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Dear Secretary Chu-

The Department of Energy's solution to alleviate some of our economic burden by exporting liquefied natural gas is a good way to bring revenue and create jobs. This will also give our economy a much needed boost. Natural gas is a resource we have in abundance, so why not use it to our advantage? America has been on the losing end for many years. It is time to turn things around and get back to the basics. Providing for our people should be our first priority.

I spent forty years as a heavy equipment operator and now I am without a job. The economy finally caught up to us. People all around me are in the same boat. We can no longer log our trees to make money. We cannot drill the oil we have either, as the governor will not allow offshore drilling. There are not enough jobs in the agriculture department to employ all of us. How do we feed our families? They are even trying to tear down four of our hydro dams, hoping it will bring more salmon. This will only raise our energy bills.

It is my hope that the Department of Energy will rush the decision to export LNG. The jobs that will be created might start a trend for other companies. The letter Representative Ed Markey wrote in opposition is just that, a letter. Someone will always come out in defense of the other side. I am not sure how many more hits the American people can take just to protect spotted owls and fish.

Thank you,

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