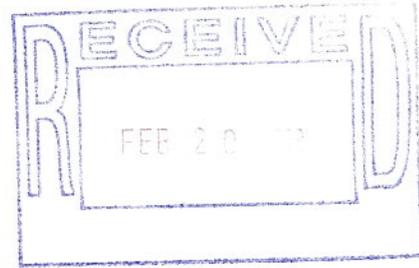


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Our economy is in such a horrid shape. Any prospect that gives us hope of recovery is a dream come true. The chance to use our excess liquefied natural gas (LNG) and export it abroad is an opportunity we cannot afford to pass up. This will pump billions of dollars back into our economy and create thousands of jobs, which is the answer to many prayers. America is hurting and this is a perfect way to ease some of the pain.

My husband and I retired from the clergy after forty-eight years. Seeing people we know and love struggling brings us heartache. My daughter-in-law is one of these people. She has been searching for a job for two years now to no avail. She takes in babysitting just to earn a few dollars. The only real employment around is Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals and Medco Pharmaceuticals. There are a few auto stores also, but not much else. We lost a lot of steel mills a few years back and it took its toll on us. My brother and brother-in-law both worked for the mill for over thirty years. When they shut down the employee's lost their retirement. That was a hard pill to swallow. It is hard to start over after that many years.

The authorization of LNG exportation should be top priority, so we can begin to rebuild our economy. I realize Representative Markey expressed his dissent in a letter, and he probably thinks he is right. He just needs to see the light. This proposal is an answer to the prayers of all those families that have lost everything, including hope.

Thanks,

Nellie Sillanpa

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Nellie Sillanpa