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Dear Secretary Chu:

Since we have lost the will to manufacture goods in this country, the only way back to prosperity is energy production. We are blessed with a vast supply of natural resources that we must harness for ourselves. Once we do, we can reap the rewards of selling any surplus to other countries. It is time for you to approve the exportation of excess natural gas. The roadblock Representative Ed Markey has thrown down in writing to you is harmful. His reasoning pales when compared to the enormous benefits the measure will bring to all Americans.

Outsourcing of industry has been the bane of the American existence. It has directly affected my family. My son worked for Stanley Tool for nineteen years. It was a large employer here which offered good benefits. He was laid off when the company moved its operations to Mexico in the early 2000s. To add insult to injury, he had no choice but to travel to Mexico for three weeks to train the new crew on the machinery. The unemployment cycle was set in motion after that. Companies for whom he worked reorganized, moved or closed down through the years, and he was let go. This began to take a toll on a man who never ran from hard work. All he asked for was a steady job. I believe the stress contributed to his death two years ago.

This country has finally landed on a great energy export that environmentalists and industrialists agree on. Natural gas is safely extracted, cleanly burned, and is now easily transportable. Best of all, we have an abundant supply. The small group of special interests who oppose the exportation of this great product should not be permitted to hold us hostage. Please approve the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Thanks,

  
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