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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
Office of Fossil Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu-

As someone who is retired from a career in deep-water oil drilling, I am writing in support of the upgrades to the natural gas import facilities that would outfit them for exportation. It is my hope that you do not side with Representative Markey, who issued a letter in opposition to this project. We need a way to export our surplus liquid natural gas in order to create jobs and build revenue for America.

Before retirement, I worked in the oil industry for 40 years. I managed the engineering department in a shipyard where they built drilling rigs. I also worked for rig owners in Texas, Louisiana and around the world. My wife was employed in the industry as well, and my son currently works for Chevron. Based on my knowledge of the industry, I support responsible hydrofracking. Energy jobs are a vital part of the economy.

Being right on the Gulf, Ocean Springs has a stable economy. Nevertheless, we could be doing better. We are a tourist town, and people come here for the casinos. The project to upgrade the natural gas import facilities will help stimulate the economy and get people back to work in non-tourist based jobs. The whole country will benefit if we start exporting surplus natural gas. Therefore, I encourage you to approve the applications.

Thank you for your help,

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