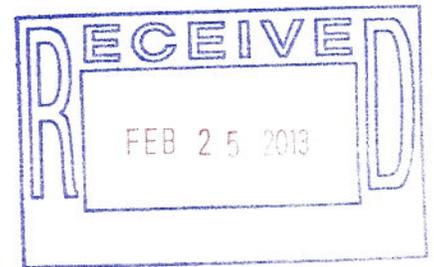


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Exporting liquefied natural gas will put us in a better position globally. We have the capability of producing our own energy and selling the excess to other countries; we need to take advantage of this opportunity. Please disregard the letter and opinion of Representative Ed Markey, because decisions must be made with the best interest of our country in mind.

One of my primary concerns is our nation's shrinking tax base. It is imperative that jobs be created for our citizens. The energy industry can provide those jobs, both in production and exportation. My husband is a machinist, and I have taught for seven years - fifth through eighth grade. We are like most hard-working Americans and would like to see more than such a small percentage of citizens providing the tax revenue used by our government. We had the auto industry here at one time, but all of those plants have been closed for five to ten years now.

Manufacturing jobs have all but disappeared, and it is time to do whatever is necessary to bring them back. Although there is no development of natural gas in our area, I would support exploration anywhere. Affordable energy would encourage the manufacturing industry. Exporting LNG would also bring much needed revenue into our country. This is a proposal that is just too good to refuse - please support the plan to export LNG.

Sincerely,

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