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

Very simply put, exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) will be good for our country. It will provide money to help our economy. It will provide jobs for the unemployed, and it will correct our trade deficit. Please ignore the letter and comments by **Representative Ed Markey** and others who refuse to see the benefits of exporting LNG.

The economy here in Vestal is depressed. Most industries have pulled out or downsized. My husband, David, saw the handwriting on the wall when he worked at IBM. He accepted a buyout and retired before he got laid off. Although a minimal number of jobs remain at IBM, most of the buildings there are in a state of decay. After being privileged to be a stay-at-home mom, I did work for the Family Court for ten years. I, too, have now retired.

In spite of unreasonable opposition, I feel it is just a matter of time before drilling begins in our area. I am hopeful it will begin soon as we definitely need the boost to the economy this would provide. Natural gas is not available in our rural neighborhood; we heat with expensive oil. Our nation's energy future relies on oil and gas. At some point in the distant future, some alternatives may provide some supplemental energy, but for the foreseeable future, we must utilize our oil and gas, and enjoy the benefits of exporting instead of importing.

Best regards,

Pat Stiver