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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

The United States has so much natural gas, especially with the recent discovery of shale gas, that now is the time to begin exporting this much in-demand energy source. Our record trade deficit makes us a poorer nation. It is time we begin to export more than we import. Instead of giving our money to overseas countries, we need to send them our surplus and bring their money here.

The study done by the Department of Energy recognizing the many benefits of exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) is to be applauded. It is unfortunate that Representative Ed Markey disagrees with the study. I believe most citizens would concur that the jobs created by this venture are just what our economy needs to get back on track.

Many jobs have left our country; numerous people are out of work. My daughter is stuck in a job she hates but cannot quit because there simply is nothing else out there. Although there is no natural gas production in this part of the state, we have seen the economy improve in western and northeastern Pennsylvania where the Marcellus Shale is being developed. It seems that the landowners are benefitting the most, but this will help our overall economy; money they have available to spend puts money back into the economy and everyone benefits.

Unfortunately, natural gas is not available for use in my household. I must heat with oil and it is very expensive. The last time the tank was filled, the price was \$3.58 per gallon. Undoubtedly, it will cost even more before the winter is over. Increased production and exportation of natural gas is vital to our economy and to bringing down the price of other consumer goods. Please support this proposal.

Regards,

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