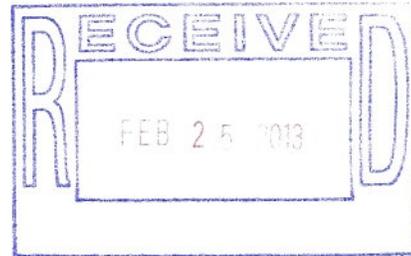


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Dear Secretary Chu,

The decision-makers in Washington have to consider jobs and the economy when they are setting energy policies, especially at this time. Anything that will help us keep our own money here, as opposed to handing it out to foreign sellers, would be a benefit. Unlike Ed Markey of the House Committee on Natural Resources, I support exportation of liquefied natural gas and ask that you do so as well.

In this part of the state, there are no industries. As a matter of fact, when I worked for Chrysler before retiring, I had to drive 100 miles round trip daily for thirty-five years. My twenty-six-year-old grandson applied for a job at Chesapeake Energy here, but did not get hired. He ended up moving to Maine to find a job. If exporting liquefied natural gas is authorized, this will certainly benefit him if he wants to continue in the energy industry. Although my other grandkids are finding jobs, they are not the high-paying ones that this country used to have.

Along with benefiting America with jobs and an improved economy, natural gas exportation will help those of us who own stocks and have invested in these companies. Personally, I have a stake in a company that installs natural gas stations that enable vehicles to run on this cleaner burning fuel. While exportation would help me by bringing about higher stock prices, it would also bring our entire country closer to energy independence from foreign suppliers. The more production we do here, the more jobs and self-sufficiency we will have. Please allow liquefied natural gas exports; this is good for the entire nation.

Regards,

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