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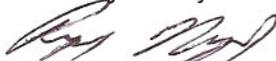
Dear Secretary Chu-

It is a benefit to our economy anytime we can export instead of import. We need to strongly pursue our energy resources for our own use as well as for export. After serving twenty-one years in the military, I feel it often is our own fault that we get involved in the struggles of other countries trying to protect our oil interest or to find a country from which we can purchase oil. We then spend money in that country to help rebuild the country. That money should be used here to develop our own resources; energy independence will help our economy and create jobs. Exporting our excess natural gas is imperative for the well-being of our nation.

Yes, there may be some problems with fracking, but we must work through those issues; if we had stopped telephone communications in the beginning when people complained about telephone poles on the landscape, where would we be now? We must get more people working; this will increase our tax base and take care of our national debt. We do not need government hand-outs, but we do need the government to have a part in opening avenues for people to find employment. We may stumble, but we then get up and walk; we cannot hit a homerun if we never get up to bat.

After leaving the military, I worked for twenty years in retail management. I am now sixty-five years old, but I had to retire early because of health issues. My military and employment background has given me the common sense that Representative Ed Markey apparently does not have. Please disregard the comments in his letter of opposition to the Department of Energy study. Please support the proposal to export liquefied natural gas.

Thank you for your help,



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