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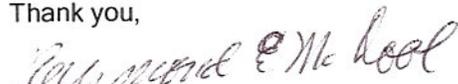
Dear Secretary Chu:

I am definitely in favor of the United States exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG). It can help this country immensely. Energy security is a serious issue, and I do not like being dependent on foreign countries. Allowing LNG exports will mean many great things for our country. The manufacturing tables are turning and this will help the industry even more. Reducing the trade deficits is another important factor that must be considered. This will also mean we can reduce our dependence on government jobs and get many people back to work.

I have lived in Madison since 1964, and our economy is doing okay right now. Our unemployment rate is the best in the state at four or five percent. There is a lot of light manufacturing, technology companies and the University of Wisconsin. Other areas in my state are not doing as well. After working in the private sector, I turned to my real passion as an educator and worked with disabled students for fifteen years. Even in retirement, I still volunteer with children. The need to help our nation is great and we need to make sure there will be a future for our children and grandchildren.

As a shareholder in Exxon Mobil, I will see a direct benefit from the LNG exports. Many industries will benefit also, either directly or indirectly. There is no drilling being done here in Wisconsin; the big issue here right now is with iron ore mining. The EPA and the House Natural Resources Committee are blocking this. Now I understand Representative Ed Markey is also standing in the way of the LNG export proposal. We must let the people in office know what this could mean for America. I plan on contacting Senator Ron Johnson here in Wisconsin about this also, as he is a big supporter of energy issues that will help not just Wisconsin, but the entire nation. We need to move forward and start exporting LNG.

Thank you,


Raymond McCool