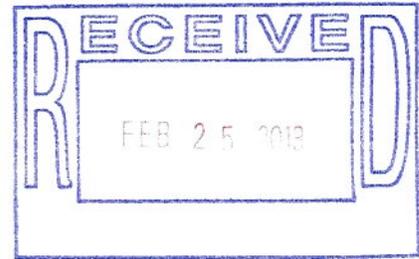


Secretary Steven Chu  
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U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)  
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Representative Ed Markey has written a letter to you expressing his opposition to the idea of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. My view is just the opposite; I believe this project must be undertaken without delay. Our country has to get to the point where we are exporting more than we are importing, and exporting our surplus LNG will help to reduce the trade deficit. We need to make the most of this opportunity.

For the past thirty-five years, I have worked in the oil and gas industry helping to make sure the drilling operations are done safely. I work twenty-one days on and twenty-one days off. My brother-in-law works in the oil and gas industry, too. In addition, my son is currently attending college and contemplating becoming an environmental engineer. Considering all the natural gas production in the United States, I can't think of a better field for him to pursue.

The energy sector has fueled the economy in Louisiana for years. With natural gas production on the rise, we are in a perfect position to start exporting our surplus. Exporting LNG will create new jobs and help keep the ones we have, enabling the economy to flourish. I hope that you will support this for the sake of America.

Thank you for your help,

Rhine Perrin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhine Perrin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.

Rhine Perrin