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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu-

For nearly nine years, I have been working in the gas and mineral exploration industry. Over the course of almost a decade, I have seen how federal regulations have hampered progress in my field. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) exportation has an enormous potential to bring desperately needed jobs to West Virginia and to many other parts of the country. With recent cuts in manufacturing and coal production here in my area, it makes sense to allow exportation. It may just prove to be the lifeline we need.

In my town of Parkersburg, we experienced recent layoffs in the truck manufacturing industry that is located here. This blow, on top of the ones we have already experienced because of the decimation of the coal industry, has brought our economy to its knees. And yet, we have rich deposits of natural gas right under our feet that can be extracted, utilized here at home, and exported abroad at great profit. Once this industry gets rolling here, jobs would be created in abundance.

I realize that there may be some reluctance on the part of some to see LNG exportation come to fruition. Perhaps detractors worry about potential environmental concerns. However, it is equally vital to consider how taking this step would jumpstart the economy and stimulate the creation of thousands of well-paying, stable jobs. We have shown that LNG can be extracted in an environmentally safe way; therefore, needless concerns should be set aside. I hope that the Department of Energy can ignore environmentalist agendas, such as expressed by Rep. Markey in his letter to you, and allow LNG exportation to begin as soon as possible.

Thank you for your help,

Richard Clark

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Clark". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.