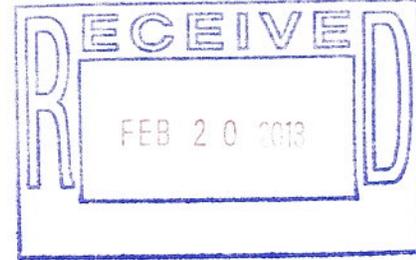


Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As a small business owner, I know firsthand how hard it is to survive in such a weak economy. The proposal to upgrade the liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities so that we can export our surplus natural gas needs to be approved quickly. The export of LNG will create jobs in construction, engineering and manufacturing and will revitalize the economy across the country.

My window covering business was doing great until the housing market crashed. At one time, I had five employees. It seemed like everything went downhill overnight. After the crash, I was barely able to keep myself busy by lowering my prices, working harder, and putting in more hours. Business is finally starting to pick up again. While natural gas is not a big industry in this area, I know that development of our natural gas resources will help the entire country recover.

Another great benefit of exporting LNG is that it can help lead this county to energy independence. I do not like depending on foreign countries for resources that we have here. Despite the opposition from Representative Markey, we need to be able to export liquefied natural gas.

Thank you,

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