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Dear Secretary Chu-

As bad as our economy is, you cannot discount American grit and know-how. We are poised to embark on a whole new industry that can easily be transported and sold to other countries. That product is liquefied natural gas. In spite of Representative Ed Markey and his cohorts, who have implored you reject this measure, we must get this venture going.

Virginia Beach will be faced with higher unemployment in the near future. Defense Department budget cuts will surely slash our workforce at the naval base. As the old adage goes: when one door shuts, another opens. That is why it was very exciting to learn the state has opened up our coastline to offshore drilling for oil and gas. The construction of rigs, pumping stations, and pipelines will provide countless job opportunities. All the supporting industries and services will be a boon to our city.

My wife's sisters live in Germany. They heat their apartment with electricity, which is exorbitant there. With the nuclear plants closing and the disappointing output of windmills, they are very concerned about their energy future. Germany imports its natural gas from Russia at the moment; however, they are searching for another source. We have ready-made customers in Europe and Asia already waiting to purchase our natural gas. This may be the light at the end of the tunnel for America's economy. Please approve the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Thank you for your help,

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*P.S. My wife agrees with this letter.*