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Dear Secretary Chu,

As a Texas native, I know firsthand the positive impact energy production has had on our state. It is unfortunate that more states do not enjoy the revenues that we do and a balanced state budget, but many of them could. Energy is the one thing that this country has in great quantities, and being able to liquefy natural gas (LNG) to export it could do wonders for our overall economy.

Excessive government spending and extending unemployment does not create jobs; successful businesses create them. Although I am a retired engineer and no longer in the job market, I know there is no shortage of work in the state. For that matter, there is no shortage of money, either. In fact, because of our sound financial policies, we actually have a surplus that Governor Perry has proposed giving back to the citizens. However, since the educational system took a four billion dollar cut last year, which is now being offset by higher property taxes, I would much rather see it go there. Besides, it is a "Robin Hood" effect and the money is being spread around the state, rather than staying in the district that it is collected in.

Representative Markey may know what is best for Massachusetts, but Texas has more than proven that energy production will allow a state to be financially successful. We need to make sure that every state that can benefit from LNG production, as well as the country, is given that opportunity. Please consider what is best for the entire country when reviewing the proposal to export liquefied natural gas (LNG); in opposition to his letter, please accept mine in support of LNG exportation.

Regards,


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