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Dear Secretary Chu,

It is not at all unusual these days for most of our town to be on some form of relief during the winter months, as there are no jobs. During the summer at least there are a few labor type positions, but other than that we are in an extremely depressed area. Representative Ed Markey should consider the great benefits that exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) would provide for us instead of his ridiculous opposition.

If Representative Markey would like to know how energy is helping our country, all he has to do is take a look at Western Pennsylvania. My daughter lives there and all the shale development has meant a huge boon to the area. In fact, she says everyone there is now driving new trucks thanks to extracting natural gas from Marcellus Shale. We could use shale development all over the country as it is putting people back to work.

In my eighty-two years, I have seen gas prices go from thirteen cents per gallon to almost four dollars per gallon. Natural gas is cheaper and cleaner, and we have an immense amount in our shale deposits. Why not use our excess gas, liquefy it, and sell it abroad? Representative Markey would have us ignore the benefits of putting people back to work and getting the nation back on track, but I for one support this effort fully and cannot wait until we begin.

Best regards,

Robert Schlichting