

Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu,

The well-being of our people should be a priority when deciding on energy policies. Although we are not seeing a lot of gas production where we live, to the south of us they are already experiencing improved employment. It would be so beneficial to industries and the people if you would allow for liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. When making the decision to authorize exportation of LNG, I hope you will disregard Congressman Ed Markey's opposition. Your own study found that these exports would greatly benefit this country, so please follow through with the approval.

It is a shame that we are importing so much into the United States. We have the technology, the ability and the resources to produce what we need here, but it is easier for our government to allow imports. Exporting our excess natural gas would create jobs and help other industries increase production. My uncle retired from the gas industry. I have steel workers and construction workers in my family that would directly benefit from more natural gas production and exports. We cannot let this opportunity slip through our fingers.

For the past several years the economy has been bad here. I used to own a small deli and sold it because I could not see the economy improving in the near future. You know it is bad when a person cannot afford a pack of cigarettes or a beer. I have two adult children who have their own careers, and I have two children that are still in school. I want them to have opportunities and a better future. Do the best thing for America and allow exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Best regards,



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