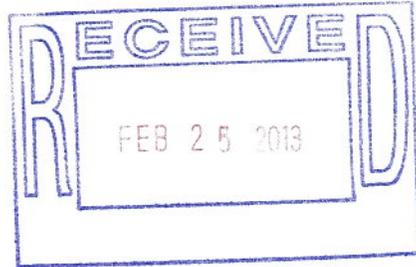


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2012 LNG Export Study  
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Dear Secretary Chu,

I would like to see America invest in itself and make money from exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG). The Department of Energy's published study was confirmed by numerous independent groups and agreed upon by conservatives, liberals, and environmentalists about the benefits of exporting LNG. Congressman Markey has issued a letter dissenting even with all the corroborating evidence, but I am optimistic the Department of Energy will authorize LNG exports in spite of Congressman Markey's letter.

In Oneonta, New York, there isn't hydraulic fracturing or natural gas production. There was talk of building a pipeline, but that has quickly faded. Some people are against drilling and having a pipeline. I understand everyone is entitled to their views, but I think they would reconsider if they realized how great natural gas is. When I lived in the Panhandle in Florida, I had natural gas. It was cheap and it worked well. Here, our winters are brutal and since there isn't a pipeline, my home uses oil heat. We go through 650 gallons a year and oil is over \$4 per gallon. If I could switch to natural gas, I would do it immediately.

If LNG exports are authorized, I may see expansion in my area. It may provide an opportunity to change our heating in our home, but it may also bring new jobs to our stagnant job market. Aside from a few colleges and our largest employer, the hospital, it would be wonderful to see other industries open up in Oneonta. We are depending on the Department of Energy to bring industries back to the United States by deciding to authorize LNG exports.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Hart

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Hart". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.