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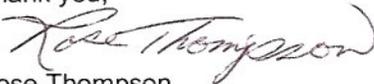
Dear Secretary Chu:

Now medically retired from the manufacturing industry, I still see the effects of how a government's economic policy can influence a downturn in the economy. I know that this area of Iowa has the resources to product liquefied natural gas, and it would be a great boon to our area and state if exportation would be allowed to happen. While the United States Department of Energy wants to study concerns, possibly of the environmental sort, it still needs to give strong consideration to exporting LNG to create jobs and allay the economic maladies that we all are suffering under.

It is horrifying to see my town suffering because of the current economic downturn. I see many citizens who are educated and have industrial skills that are not being put to use because of our dependence on foreign natural resources and manufacturing. In fact, my town was at one time a strong hub for farming equipment but has suffered tremendously in recent times. Allowing our local gas deposits to be used to create LNG for exportation would be a great help. Numerous jobs would be able to be created, which would have a positive domino effect on the economy and trade deficit.

My mother, being from Hungary, warned me of a government that controlled too much. I see that the same is happening right now in our great country. My hope is that the federal government and Department of Energy put more weight on the concerns of American citizens, than elected officials such as Congressman Markey, whom may not have our best concerns in place. I hope that the export of LNG happens sooner rather than later, because our citizens and economy need that help now.

Thank you,


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