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Secretary Steven Chu  
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Dear Secretary Chu,

The Department of Energy is being mindful of jobs and the environment when it gives the go-ahead for exporting America's surplus natural gas in liquefied form. I am supportive of this proposal and want it to move forward as soon as possible. Our nation has much to gain.

As an eighty-five-year-young resident of Michigan, I sat on a board where some directors opposed fracking. Protecting our many lakes and the abundant wildlife is a passion of mine, and I have worked to help create local laws to that end. Hydraulic fracturing is a very eco-friendly and refined method used to extract oil and natural gas. I believe concerns about water issues as a result of fracking are isolated. Furthermore, I think that, when done responsibly, increased development is important to our future.

States where Marcellus Shale is abundant are reaping the economic benefits of the expanded gas development. Even in Siobhan County, fracking activities are generating much needed revenue. With the surplus energy that will be gained, it is irresponsible to miss this opportunity to export liquefied natural gas. Congressman Markey does not speak for me in his letter of comment. The Department of Energy study covers all the bases, and the proposal is sound.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Bennett