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

Instead of enriching other countries, we would be wise to support our citizens. Our nation is brimming with an abundance of oil and natural gas, and we should use it to be self-sufficient. **Congressman Markey's** opposition to manufacturing and exporting natural gas makes no sense. We are all in this together. If you authorize the export of liquefied natural gas, it will improve the general state of the US through job creation and tax revenues.

If it were not for a large government presence in Knoxville, Tennessee, our market might not be as solid as it is. Though we are better off than most places, still there are empty buildings and stores. This is symptomatic of a larger issue. As I go about my daily business of volunteering for Girl Scouts or going to church, I see areas of blight and find the situation to be discouraging.

Immersed in the care of my mother who has Alzheimer's disease, I can scarcely keep track of everything that is happening with US government policies. Attending to her needs non-stop for the past four years, I rarely have time to lift my head. When I do, I am hearing what seem to be environmentalist agendas against alternative energies. To put it bluntly, I don't buy it. I hope Representative Markey has not cited this as part of his objection to the most recent proposal to liquefy and export natural gas. If this is the case, I trust that you will not listen to him. We have too much to lose if we ignore this opportunity.

Your constituent,

Sandra Dutton