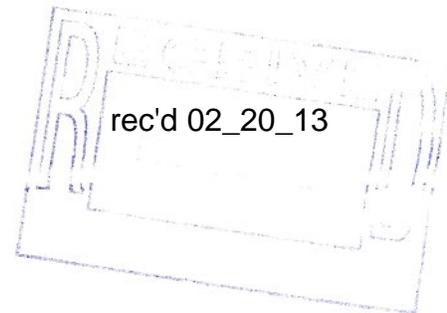


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We:

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

Although I am currently unemployed, I can still see how governmental policies have affected the work situation in my state and town. In West Plains, Missouri, we have a strong base in the manufacturing and flooring industry. However, due to policies and the costs of working, many jobs have been moved overseas, where resources and costs are cheaper. Allowing the exportation of liquefied natural gas would create jobs that will help get our national economy back on track.

My family has already seen the benefits of natural gas. A relative of mine had gas deposits located on his property and sold his access rights to a company before he passed away from cancer. Although he did not make much money, it still helped him. There has been little exploration here in West Plains, and for all we know, there may be promising sites yet to be uncovered. Even if our supply is small, any developments in extracting or exporting natural gas could breathe some life into our gasping economy.

Right now, I believe the US government's highest priority should be to strengthen the economy, which in turn would lead to jobs for our citizens. I think that certain officials such as representative Markey should know that his opposition hurts many of our most vulnerable people at the most basic level. If we have a chance to improve the future for hard-working Americans who need steady, well-paying jobs, we absolutely must take it. I hope I can count on your support.

Best regards,

Sharon Collins