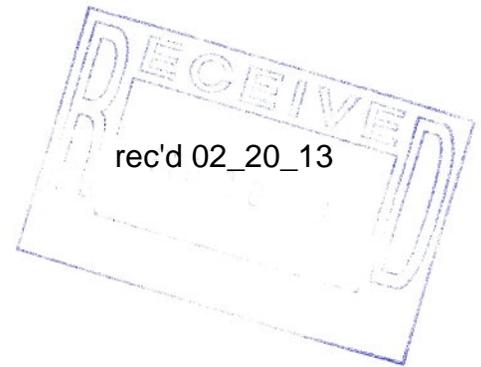


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Dear Secretary Chu,

In the Houston area where I reside, oil and gas are our primary industries. Because of these, our unemployment is far below the national average at only six percent, and our housing market is strong. If liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports are approved by the Department of Energy, numerous other areas of the country would experience the same economic success as Houston has. This is why I disagree with Representative Ed Markey, who opposes this initiative. The study conducted by the Department of Energy accurately predicts the economic gains that LNG exports would create.

My job and company are involved with natural gas operations in the area. We operate pump trucks that clean the wells. Many citizens are lead to believe that natural gas operations are not safe and will contaminate everyone's water supply. Because of my job and knowledge, I know that the activities are conducted far below the water table and contamination is rare. We can use this natural resource to create jobs and improve our economy in a safe manner.

Government agencies should look at the bigger picture when creating their policies and regulations. Restrictions and rigid permitting standards make it difficult and expensive to obtain natural gas and other resources. Many of these regulations are based on politics and agendas. Energy companies should have an opportunity to operate more freely so America can be energy independent and less reliant on unpredictable countries. Please authorize LNG exportation.

Best regards,

Steve Otis