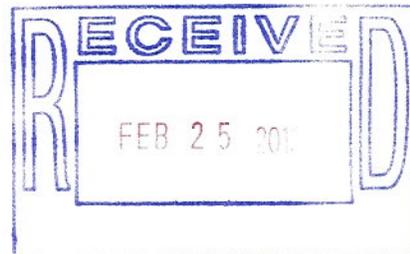


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Dear Secretary Chu,

The fact that our nation imports more than we export unfortunately makes us vulnerable to having to defend countries simply because we depend on them for petroleum products. We have the resources here in our country that would free us from the prices controlled by sheiks. We now have the opportunity to increase production and exportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG). It is obvious from his letter to you that Representative Ed Markey and some of his colleagues disagree with the Department of Energy study, but I ask that you move forward with the idea of exporting our surplus LNG.

The economy here in Columbus is probably better than it is in some other areas of our state and our country. There remains some agriculture, and the insurance industry thrives here. Of course, there are many state government-related jobs, and Ohio State University employs approximately 100,000 people. I retired from OSU after working there for twenty-five years as the Director of Engineering. Over \$1.5 billion in new construction was taking place on campus when I retired. Citizens in other regions of the US could greatly benefit from the jobs that will be created if LNG exportation is approved.

Secretary Chu, your department's study recognizes the many benefits that would be realized by exporting LNG. This is a prospect of which we must take advantage. Please approve the proposal of exporting LNG.

Best,

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