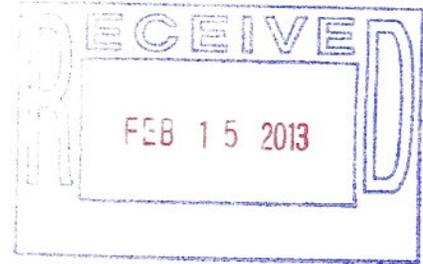


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Dear Secretary Chu-

Even with the natural resource industry starting to thrive, it still seems like government policies sometimes unintentionally stifle job growth. Right now, a Democratic leader on the Natural Resources Committee, Ed Markey, is trying to oppose a measure which could bring in billions of dollars from other countries. Although the Department of Energy posted a study highlighting the positive impact of liquefied natural gas exports, Markey would still like to slow the progression of this advancement. Since we need all the jobs we can get, I do not understand why anyone would oppose the export of liquefied natural gas.

There have been refineries around here for as long as I can recall. I remember one of the local refineries running into a problem with fire, but for the most part they are doing well. Chevron's headquarters is actually based here and has been here since I moved to the area roughly 20 years ago. Needless to say, our local culture and economy has been influenced by energy business and production in many ways. When making energy policies, it is important to consider which policies will have the greatest positive impact on jobs, because that is what we need right now.

Since I drive so much for my job helping with school fundraising, I must keep a close eye on energy costs with gasoline. We need to begin exporting resources like this opposed to importing them from other countries. Allowing the export of liquefied natural gas will move us one step closer to energy independence on a larger scale. Now more than ever, we are in a great position to export natural gas.

Thank you for your help,

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