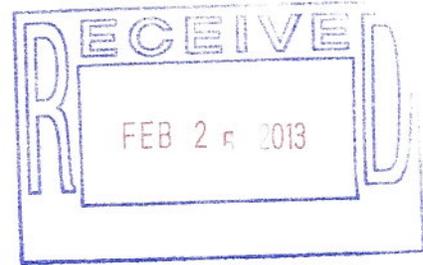


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Dear Secretary Chu,

As a member of the oil and gas exploration industry for the past twenty-five years, I understand the importance of exporting liquefied natural gas. This will create more customers, which is always a good thing. The economy in Houston is alive and well, and a big reason for that is the oil and gas industry. We have many Fortune 500 companies headquartered in Texas, and many are associated with the oil and gas industry. The business climate in Texas is friendly and should be a model for rest of country.

Please do not allow the opinion of politicians like Representative Ed Markey to skew your perception of the benefits of LNG exportation. Companies like Dow Chemical that feel we should not export LNG would certainly not agree if their products could not be exported. America must return to the days of the free market, free trade and capitalism if we are to turn our economy around.

Natural gas is an efficient, affordable energy that is in great demand. Personally, I use it in my household for heating and cooking. Many buses and fleet trucks are converting to natural gas. It will provide cheap energy for production, but I fear we will never bring much manufacturing back to our country. Producing all we can and exporting any surplus may be the ticket our nation needs to prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

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