



02/12/2013

Ted Short

Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
Office of Fossil Energy
P.O. Box 44375
Washington, DC 20026-4375

Dear Secretary Chu-

Authorizing exports of liquefied natural gas would benefit every community in some way or another. Since we have an abundance of natural gas, we should be using it and the surplus should be sold to other countries. It is terrible that we do more importing than exporting. Ed Markey, the top Democrat on the House Committee on Natural Resources, has shown his resistance to liquefied natural gas exports via a letter sent to you. I disagree with his stance and believe exporting natural gas will benefit America greatly.

The unemployment rate in this area varies from county to county, but on average it is six to eight percent. We have manufacturing plants here that make forklifts, Alcoa in Sidney, and a refrigerator factory, but we still need more sources of quality employment. My children and their spouses are gainfully employed. As a matter of fact, my son-in-law is in sales, supplying electrical wiring to manufacturing companies. Every one of these companies and their employees could benefit if liquefied natural gas exports were authorized.

Even though I am retired and my wife is working as a nurse, I think job creation is an essential factor to consider when setting energy policies. In my opinion, the most important thing we can do for this country is to get away from foreign energy and start producing our own. America has a chance to create jobs, reduce the trade deficit and improve our economy. For you to authorize liquefied natural gas exports would be a blessing for the US.

Thank you for your service,

Ted Short