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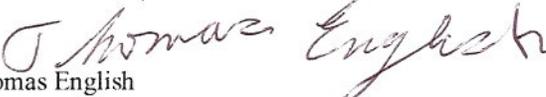
Dear Secretary Chu:

Our country is now in the exceptional position to be able to export liquefied natural gas. The discovery of the shale energy resources in various parts of our nation provides us with such an abundance of energy; it only makes sense to utilize these resources in every way. Reducing our trade deficit, creating good paying jobs and bringing monies into the United States, instead of sending money to other countries for imports, can only benefit our national economy.

Despite the letter to you from Representative Ed Markey in opposition of exporting LNG, I believe you would find that most American citizens, including myself, understand the importance of taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity. I must use heating oil for my home in New Hampshire, and the cost continually rises. I am fortunate that since retiring, after working for thirty-four years for Verizon, I am able to spend the cold winter months in Florida. Some folks in town have been able to convert their heating systems, as natural gas has become more available. Hopefully, with increased development and production, it will become advantageous to supply natural gas to many rural areas that now have few choices available for affordable home energy.

After World War II, we watched as nearly all of our textile manufacturers moved to the southern states. Even more unfortunately, they later were shipped overseas. Reasonably priced energy would entice many manufacturers to start up and/or keep their businesses here in the United States. More manufacturing jobs and goods along with LNG exports would correct our record trade deficit. I urge you, for the good of our citizens and our nation, to approve the proposal to allow the export of LNG.

Your constituent,


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