



Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu,

Natural gas is the hot topic on everyone's mind, including Representative Ed Markey, who is the ranking member on the House Natural Resources Committee. Despite his letter to you in which he criticizes the study published by the Department of Energy, I hope you will stand by the Department's conclusions and authorize liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports. I believe Congressman Markey is quite misinformed; I would like to know where he is getting the data to back his strong conclusions.

For ten years now, I have worked as a machinist for a medical device company in Paramus, NJ. To be honest, the last two years have left me feeling insecure. The company recently opened a plant in China and many people have been laid off due to jobs moving overseas. I understand that cheap labor is appealing, but nothing beats American quality. Exporting LNG would bring production back to the States and create additional high-paying jobs, while balancing the budget. My only concern would be keeping those jobs non-union and privatized.

Natural gas is the best product we can offer the world. It is 100 percent better than propane, electric, and coal. I have had experience with all and nothing is cleaner or more efficient. We have the technology to extract it safely without harming the environment; it has been done for 30 years thus far. Congressman Markey does not have any solid evidence to support his opposition to the Department's study. Please authorize LNG exports with haste.

Yours truly,


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