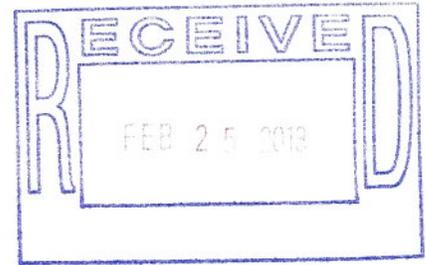


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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Having worked in the pipe fitting business, I have seen over the course of many years how governmental policies and regulations can be potentially damaging to my industry, as well as to industries that we support, such as the natural gas industry. Even though I am semi-retired from that business, I still have to work to get medical benefits, and that's due to costs and the economy not doing well. I give my support in allowing liquefied natural gas (LNG) to be exported to help our nation grow back into the industrial power we once were.

Lee's Summit, Missouri, has many people with experience in technical skills that are employed in the main industries located here, which are the electronics and medical industries. However, there are still too many people that do not have jobs due to the lack of available opportunities. An increase in natural gas production and exportation of LNG would give people a chance to get back to work.

With the economy in such bad shape, I do not understand why Representative Ed Markey would want to delay the exportation of LNG. Our government should make job creation a priority. The export of LNG has to be allowed in order to boost our economy, provide needed jobs, and possibly even make a dent in our national debt.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mumm