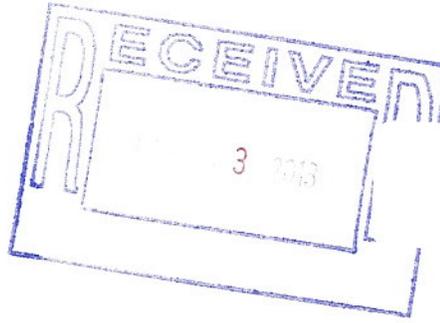


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Dear Secretary Chu,

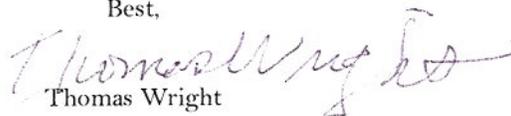
This Administration should think of jobs when making energy guidelines. The government has taken to levying high taxes and placing regulations on fossil fuels such as natural gas. Instead of penalizing this industry, we should be encouraging extraction, domestic use, and exportation of this resource. Doing so would create jobs and strengthen our economy and position as a global leader.

At age four, I visited a farm in Vermont where I learned that farmers of the past had to do everything for themselves. In other words, they had to be their own bricklayers, plumbers, tractor drivers, cattle wranglers, and sharp shooters to protect their property. These days, there are too many specialists. What I mean by that is that humans still make mistakes no matter how many regulations are created.

Relaxing restrictions and encouraging natural gas exportation could help my area. Local textile jobs have been sent overseas recently, leaving many citizens struggling. If natural gas export is approved, we could indirectly benefit by transporting the gas in liquefied form through the port of Bloomington. This would increase jobs in the transportation sector. As a 75-year-old retiree from the financial management field, I may possibly get a personal benefit through the eventual tax decrease that might come due to LNG export, while the state of North Carolina may further profit through the drilling of wells.

The European socialist tendency to push all economic sectors together seems to be the order of the day with this Administration. There is no support of private property. Inflated imports and ballooning debt both show no signs of being reined in. Representative Ed Markey's opposition to natural gas exports only exacerbates this untenable situation. Consequently, I strongly support the export of liquefied natural gas, for the sake of our current economy and our future as a nation. Can I count on your commitment to this exportation?

Best,

  
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