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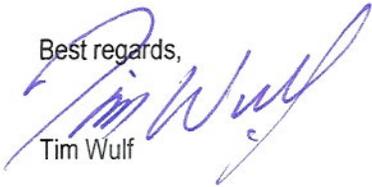
Dear Secretary Chu,

Allowing for the exportation of our surplus liquefied natural gas would mean a huge economic boost for the United States. It would also mean more exploration and expansion of all industries. It would directly impact the economy right here in my community, not to mention the countless other areas that it would help.

Living in Center for thirty-six years now, I can tell you that our town has been hurt by the natural gas industry's slow down. There was a big development with the Haynesville shale drilling that did help our economy when it was up and running. Our town has a population of only about five thousand, and we were booming when the wells were being drilled. We even built five new hotels to house the workers. Now our wells are sitting still because it is not profitable for them to continue drilling. Losing the gas industry hurt me considerably, as I have owned a drive-through liquor store here in town for twelve years. The hotels that were built are now almost empty.

Despite Representative Markey's letter to the contrary, I believe the studies correctly show how the exportation of liquefied natural gas will benefit America. We need to get back to producing natural gas and exporting LNG will allow us to do so. It will create good paying jobs and help the economy, not just here in Texas, but throughout the country.

Best regards,



Tim Wulf