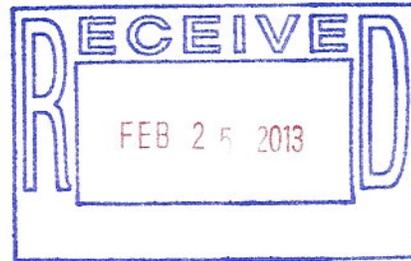


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Secretary Steven Chu  
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Dear Secretary Chu-

For the first time in decades, the country has an opportunity to revitalize its exporting prowess. Our reserve of natural gas is so vast and our need for new industry so overwhelming that it makes perfect sense for you approve the exportation of this product. The nation's energy policies should not be dictated by one ranking member of Congress, Rep. Ed Markey, and the small group of constituents aligned with him. That is an appalling precedent to set.

Any resurgence of large industry may bring about an increase in American made building products. As the owner of a residential construction company here in upstate New York, I can report that we just started to improve after the real estate bubble. However, due to the destruction left by Hurricane Sandy, all available materials are heading south for reconstruction, driving the cost up here. It is difficult to compete and bid for jobs when materials are so expensive. This area also lost Chrysler and New Process Gear. Those were enormous plants. Family members and friends of mine lost their jobs. Lockheed Martin has been on the verge of closing for a while now. That will be a terrible blow to the area if it shuts down.

New York has long been famous for chasing business away. Punishing business taxes and regulations have sent industry to other states and countries. As a result, our property taxes are among the highest in the nation. Three nearby natural gas wells sit idle, awaiting the approval of fracking. Your approval of this measure will create a need for increased production of natural gas. Perhaps then we can begin drilling here. New industry may also fill the vacancies left by our departing factories. For these reasons, I urge you to approve the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Thank you for your help,

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