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Dear Secretary Chu:

Anything that America can sell globally will have a positive impact on the economy, trade deficit and employment. In response to the letter Congressman Markey sent you resisting liquefied natural gas exportation, **Congressman Markey** needs to be reminded that most of the natural gas that keeps him warm comes from my state. He does not mind that we are using our land to produce cheap energy for his state. If we can deliver natural gas to Massachusetts, then we can export liquefied natural gas abroad for a profit to improve the condition of America.

When a country imports more than they export, it is bad for the country. I learned that in grade school. America feeds the world because of imports; it is time to balance the trade deficit. A lot of my friends and family members work in the energy industry. As a matter of fact, my son works in the oil industry. I worked in the oil industry before becoming a fireman nineteen years ago. Service jobs like mine rely heavily on tax dollars. Producing and exporting liquefied natural gas will increase tax revenue for local, state and the federal government.

The debt that America has is exasperating. Fracking and drilling are going on all over the country and we should be taking advantage of these resources. America could use these additional tax dollars to pay down our debt. Jobs will be saved, new jobs will be created, the trade deficit will be lowered and the tax revenues will be phenomenal for America if you allow liquefied natural gas exports. Please do not destroy opportunities for my grandchildren or yours.

Best regards,

Todd Rhodes