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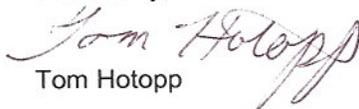
Dear Secretary Chu:

The recent study released by your department regarding the issue of exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) contained some very encouraging information. It is obvious that anything that brings money into our country instead of costing us money should be encouraged. To the north of us, there are capped gas and oil wells that are not operating now. The increased demand and production that exporting would bring would be a benefit to Ohio and the entire country. We need more jobs everywhere, and natural gas production would be a step in the right direction.

My wife and I are originally from Richmond, Indiana, but we settled here many years ago and raised our family. Although I am a senior citizen, I am still working every day to cover expenses. The economy in Dayton is terrible. We once had a large General Motors presence here, but they have moved out of the area. Our manufacturing base has diminished by half in the last fifteen years. Our Governor is working to get more industry to relocate to Ohio, but it is a slow and tedious process.

Representative Ed Markey's stance on escaped greenhouse gases released during natural gas production, and his general displeasure with LNG exportation as expressed to you, is not something I agree with. The American public has been very misled on the whole issue of global warming. The dangers have been exaggerated, and exporting liquefied natural gas can be done safely and efficiently. We have a great deal of natural gas in this country, enough to last many years. We should be using natural gas exportation to boost the economy while we work to develop alternative energy sources. Please disregard Ed Markey's opposition and move forward with LNG exports as soon as possible.

Yours truly,


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