

Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu-

When Representative Markey sent you his long letter of opposition to the LNG study, I made up my mind to send you a heartfelt response in opposition to his opinion. If we have a surplus of natural gas and if exporting it would benefit our economy and create jobs, then why are we waiting so long to authorize liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports? The Department of Energy is just one of several groups that have reached the same conclusion. Exporting LNG would greatly reduce our trade deficit, bring in billions of dollars, and create up to 150,000 jobs. If that is not the icing on the cake, then what is?

A retired grandmother in Missoula, Montana, I am very content with my life. I worked for many years in a range of different jobs. Some of these included real estate, bartending, and secretarial work at the University of Montana. Having a beautiful son and daughter and many grandchildren, there isn't much for me to complain about. The nearest natural gas fracking site is 400 miles away in eastern Montana. The major industries in Missoula are forestry, hospitals, and the university. Nevertheless, we would still benefit directly with the job creation and revenue that LNG exportation would spawn.

I would like to know why there is opposition to this proposal. Why would anyone be against exporting our surplus and bringing in much-needed money?

I have nothing against importing from other countries, but I think we need to balance our trade and export more than what we've been doing. It would help the American people who are not retired and need to provide for their families. I hope the Department of Energy will authorize LNG exports soon.

Sincerely,

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