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Secretary Steven Chu  
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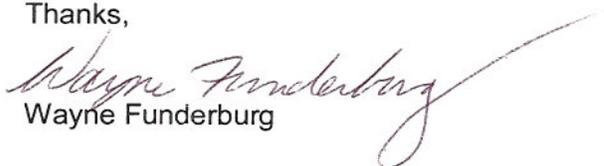
Dear Secretary Chu:

We have more natural gas in our country than we can possibly use. We need to begin exporting it to correct our balance of trade and provide much needed jobs for our citizens. Despite Representative Ed Markey's comments in his letter in opposition to the Department of Energy's study, it is imperative that we take advantage of our opportunity to export liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Just this past January, I retired after working in the timbering business almost thirty-eight years. The economy here in Lancaster could certainly be better. The Boeing plant in Charleston has definitely been a boost to that area. The textile industry is almost dead; it is operating at about ten percent of what it once was. The pulp and paper mills will be the next to go. I had the opportunity recently to tour a mill and it seemed they were doing all the right things to clean up the water. However, because of excessive EPA regulations, I feel there will never be another pulp and paper mill built in our nation.

There is no drilling currently in our area, but I would support it if it is done responsibly. I am a forester, an original environmentalist; we must value our environment. I have been taught conservation, not preservation. We must utilize our resources with common sense. Common sense tells us to use our natural gas and to export the surplus.

Thanks,

  
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