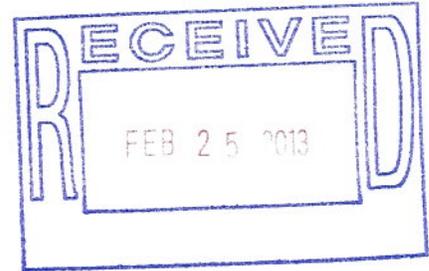


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Dear Secretary Chu-

The United States should be utilizing our natural resources, including natural gas, to supplement revenue for this country. More dollars coming into this country will only have a positive result. We need to balance our trade with other countries in an effort to get our economy back on track, and exporting liquefied natural gas will help accomplish that. Representative Ed Markey's comments questioning the study your department recently released should not be an issue at all. We have an abundant supply of natural gas in this country. There is enough for our own needs and still a good deal left to export.

For many years, I moved all over the country with the U.S. Navy doing field engineering, but I have retired now. We provided maintenance for Navy aircraft. In 1961, I came to Texas temporarily and have never left. As a resident of this state for many years, I have seen firsthand what a thriving energy based economy can bring to the people.

Please consider the job creation and prosperity exporting liquefied natural gas will bring. Allowing existing facilities to become exporting sites should be authorized promptly. We need additional investment in our manufacturing and infrastructure all over this nation. I urge you to move ahead with the permits requested to export liquefied natural gas. This will be good for Texas and good for America.

Sincerely,

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