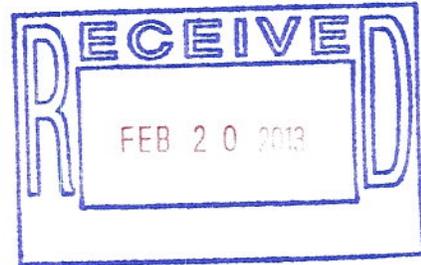


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As a retired nurse with over thirty-three years of work experience, I have spent most of my time concentrating on my career and my daily activities. Natural gas exportation is not an issue that has made a direct impact on my life. However, as a concerned citizen, I have seen all too often how governmental policies prevent our full use of natural resources. In fact, this current Administration seems to be giving too much credence to the objections of a few negative thinkers such as Representative Markey of Massachusetts. In reality, the vast majority of Americans believe that our surplus liquefied natural gas (LNG) should be exported. Doing so would benefit our economy.

In my town of Negaunee, Michigan, we have limited opportunities. The main industries consist of regional medical centers, state education institutions, logging operations, and ore mining. With limited jobs in these industries, my town and region have been horribly affected by the bad economy. LNG exportation may not directly benefit my town, but it could certainly mean a great deal to the engineering students who graduate from Michigan Tech and other institutions. Furthermore, we already have pipeline infrastructure in place that might figure into the long-term natural gas equation.

Sadly, the current Administration seems reluctant to do what it takes to implement solid, effective energy policies. The US Department of Energy and certain elected officials such as Representative Ed Markey need to understand the urgency in getting our economy on track. It is vital that we bring jobs back to our shores. We have the technology now to safely produce and transport LNG; there should be no question about having exports happen now.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W Meeks".

William Meeks

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