

I have a small business - an LLC - where I write software and engineer control systems for renewable, conventional power generation systems. I have worked in this industry for about 30 years. These systems combine renewable energy and energy storage systems with conventional generation in order to provide a reliable and responsive electrical grid.

The reason I have an LLC is because the various small and large companies I have worked for suffer under the ups and downs of the current tide of policies and administration of American energy.

I care about the liquid natural gas energy as part of the portfolio of American energy because it directly affects my customers and their ability to continue providing LNG as well as peaker plants that enable the contributions of renewable energy. It also allows the national grid to handle the new energy use profiles from rooftop solar and the charging of electric cars.

If the LNG ban gets extended, or if a permanent ban is put in place, it will cripple the renewable projects that provide jobs for myself and many of my colleagues.

I am concerned about an America where we are reliant on foreign energy sources, and a world where bad actors have a hold over our allies through being a large provider of their energy. We have seen where Europe can have a tenuous energy supply cut off. We have seen where bad actors use our energy policy to enrich their countries and gain undue influence over the balance of power in the world.

I am also concerned about the stability of the industry in which I work. It is difficult for small business owners especially to weather the natural ups and downs of the energy industry, let alone further damage caused by unwise policy decisions that affect way more than just the surface issues that may be the headline issues. Inflation has really been a problem for my family and many others around the country. It directly effects our day to day way of life, just being able to maintain a roof over our heads, food on the table, and being able to pay for medicines and healthcare.

That is why I am motivated enough to write to the Department of Energy today. These important decisions that are being made have consequences for the American citizen. It affects the cost of food and housing. It affects our jobs. It affects the stability and leadership of America in the world. Please take us into consideration as you deliberate your energy and natural gas decisions and future policy.

I urge the Department of Energy to keep the LNG industry healthy because it so profoundly affects my small business and my colleagues and customers. We cannot provide these projects supporting solar, battery energy storage, solar energy and electric vehicles without your support.