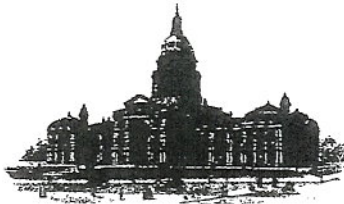


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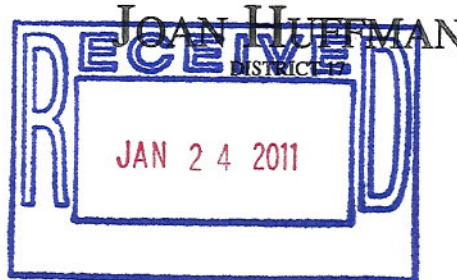
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January 24, 2011

The Honorable Steven Chu  
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U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, SW  
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The Honorable Jon Wellinghoff  
Chairman  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, NE  
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Dear Secretary Chu and Chairman Wellinghoff:

I am writing to express my support for the expansion of the Freeport LNG facility on Quintana Island, Texas. As you may know, Freeport LNG is proposing an expansion of their liquefied natural gas (LNG) import and regasification facilities to allow for the liquefaction of U.S. natural gas and the export of LNG.

This project could result in direct investment of more than \$2 billion and more than 1,000 construction jobs over two to three years. Indirect effects could total \$3.6 billion of economic benefit to the U.S. economy and 20,000 jobs across the U.S. supporting production of natural gas supplies. The project would also significantly advance the National Export Initiative and contribute to the displacement of dirty-burning coal and fuel oil around the world.

The company's initial \$1 billion investment in LNG import and regasification facilities would still be operational if export facilities were added. I am hopeful the Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's familiarity with the project and the company's proven track record will allow for an expedited permitting process.

The expansion of the Freeport LNG facility enjoys broad support at the state and local levels, and I appreciate the opportunity to submit my support for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

*Joan Huffman*  
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