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Please find attached a letter of support for the approval of the pending LNG export applications. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Thanks,

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# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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January 24, 2012

The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20585

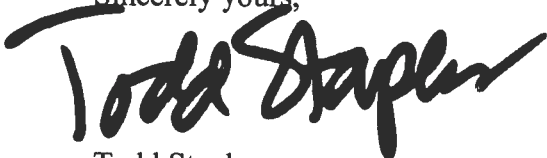
Dear Secretary Chu:

The recent results of the U.S. Department of Energy's study concerning the economic impacts of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports show "in all the scenarios analyzed...the U.S. would experience net economic benefits from increased LNG exports." Based on this conclusion, I support the approval of the pending non-free trade LNG export applications.

Due to the numerous LNG projects proposed in Texas, our state's economy and the economy of the United States as a whole stand to benefit from the economic stimulus created by these exports. LNG export facilities will also create jobs, foster broad economic growth in many areas, and reduce our country's trade deficit. As you know, industry projections indicate LNG projects could create as many as 48,000 jobs in the fields of design, engineering, construction and operation, which in turn translate into hundreds of millions of dollars in new wages for Americans. Additionally, local, state, and federal tax revenue created by these facilities could exceed \$4.5 billion over the 30-year lifespan of the export project.

Based on the report's findings and the projected economic benefit of LNG exporting process, I urge you to approve the pending applications. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Sincerely yours,



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