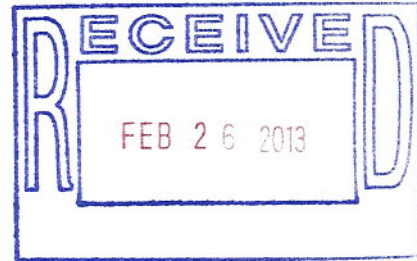


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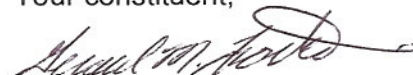
Dear Secretary Chu,

The major industries that we depend upon here in the St. Louis consist of lead, silica, gypsum, and we also have limestone along the Missouri River. Unfortunately, there is no natural gas production in our area. Of the five auto plants that previously were in the area, only two remain. Our economy continues to struggle. Although exporting liquefied natural gas would not directly have an impact on our state, an improvement of the overall economy would indirectly benefit all regions of our country.

We must take this opportunity to protect the future for upcoming generations. I have seven grandchildren and am concerned about the bleak financial state we are leaving them in. I am sixty-five years old and have been retired for five years now. I served in the United States Army Medical Corp for twenty-three years *SERVED IN* the Gulf War. I do not want to see our country destroyed from the inside out. It is time to utilize our natural resources to get the United States back on the right track.

Even though Representative Markey has spoken out against the Department of Energy's study, I urge you to support the exportation of LNG. America was founded as a nation of free enterprise - the government must not favor selected groups over the masses. Exporting LNG would reduce our trade deficit, create jobs, and help stabilize our energy security. Please approve the proposal to export LNG.

Your constituent,


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