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The Honorable Steven Chu  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Re: Comments from 2012 LNG Export Study

Dear Secretary Chu:

I support the comments issued by the Governor of Arkansas, Mike Beebe. The surge in clean, domestic, and affordable energy is stimulating local economies, creating jobs, and creating opportunities for our nation.

The opportunity could be extended beyond our borders. Creating an open marketplace and exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) can help us prosper and get out of our recession. The report does state that while additional exports could increase the price in natural gas, any increases would be offset by U.S. economic benefits.

Currently with the significant amount of surplus, private mineral right owners should have the opportunity to sell their product and receive a true competitive price. The construction and operation of LNG export terminals and increased exploration and production activity will support thousands of jobs and billions in investment a time when the economy needs a boost. This will bring more balance to the trade deficit and increase our domestic GDP.

U.S. natural gas supplies could also provide a global opportunity for delivering greater geopolitical stability and national security. Stabilizing world energy markets with U.S. natural gas supplies could help free global economies from being forced to rely primarily on Russia or OPEC for energy needs.

With the recent long-awaited release of the DOE report, I respectfully urge you to advance without delay through the comment period and approval of the pending export project permits. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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House Representative of the State of North Dakota  
7 Year Veteran of the North Dakota Army National Guard