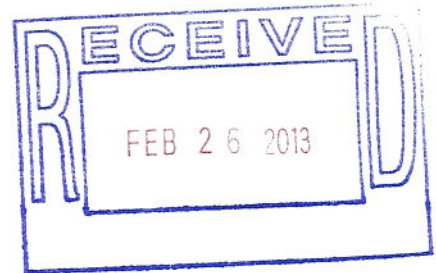


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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

In spite of opposition from Congressman Markey, I urge you to move forward with approving the applications to upgrade our liquefied natural gas (LNG) import facilities. The US economy needs this action. Your main focus needs to be on job creation.

Aside from my time in the military in the 1960s, I am a lifelong Wisconsin resident. Now retired, I worked for a local paper mill for 37 years as an electronics technician. Our three children live in this area and are all managing to stay gainfully employed. The local economy is stable compared to that of the rest of the United States. However, it is not as good as it could be. There are no drilling or fracking activities that I know of happening here. Environmentalists are getting carried away with too much power and are making it difficult for the economy to recover. They, along with the Native Americans, are making a big fuss right now in opposition to the open pit iron ore mine in northern Wisconsin. This country needs all the natural resource development that it can get.

My wife, Roberta, and I use natural gas to heat our home and we are pleased with it. While I would prefer to use all of our natural gas here in America, until such time comes, we need to export some of our surplus. Our elected leaders need to do what it takes to keep fracking going. If the demand stays high, this will preserve jobs. I urge you to make preparations to export surplus LNG.

Sincerely yours,

Edward Rystrom