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2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu:

As a bus driver for Trailways, I have been to 48 states in America and five provinces in Canada. I also spent time in the U.S. Army. When I lived in Massachusetts, I saw L.G. Balfour ship everything to China and many people lost their jobs. That kind of displacement is the consequence of not manufacturing goods for ourselves. Now we have the opportunity to convert natural gas to liquefied natural gas and export abroad. We should take it for the work it will bring.

If we accept this proposal to export liquefied natural gas overseas, I see a great benefit for residents in Augusta. Currently, our community is mostly supported by welfare and food stamps because the jobless ratio is so high. The only substantive employment in Augusta is the Augusta National Golf Club and The Masters, when it comes to town. The planned export station in Elba Island, however, might directly benefit our community.

Back in the 1960s and 1970s, we had a great deal of pride in our country. Everyone was working, socializing and happy. Nowadays, we have a large group of depressed folks out of a job. I married in 1960 and enjoyed my life. My wife and I had four children, 14 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Congressman Markey is way off base to oppose this chance to revive the economy and bring in money, particularly when we have the largest reserves of natural gas in the world. It could make everyone's lives better. It is similar to when I was offered a ticket to The Masters in Augusta by the legendary Cliff Roberts and declined it. At the age of 20, I had no idea what I was giving up. Tickets are now \$4,000. Do not miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to restore our nation to security and wealth.

Thanks,

Alton Rau