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2012 LNG Export Study  
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Dear Secretary Chu,

The government of this country has taken ridiculous positions in the past when it comes to accessing our gas and oil resources. Too many good opportunities have been lost. Now Rep. Markey of Massachusetts is trying to put a stop to the export of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). I hope that you will not listen to his irrational reasons for delaying or halting this great opportunity.

As a 76-year-old retiree living in the energy-rich state of Louisiana, I know how important good decisions on energy policies are to my community. Many years ago, when I was working for a retail clothier called Maison Blanc, the businesses in the area were hopping. Now things do not seem quite the same and companies are not doing nearly as well. Despite the many oil wells I see from the beach lit up at night, I hear people saying that restrictions on drilling have hurt and limited the oil industry here. Perhaps some of this can be rectified by a build-up in the local natural gas industry. Some of those looking for work could find well-paying jobs working in an LNG export center located on the Gulf.

Many years ago, I inherited a small share of stock in a natural gas company. Occasionally, I receive small dividend checks in the mail, which really help me pay for groceries and other necessities. I am anxious to know what effect this proposal, if passed, could have on the gas company and my stock. I imagine it will be a positive one if you make the right decision on this issue.

Best regards,

Carole Johnson