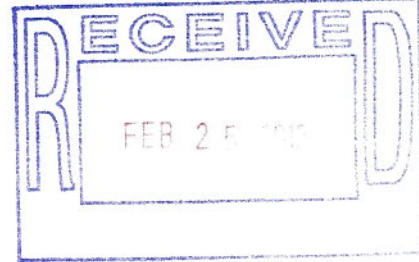


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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
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Dear Secretary Chu,

The manufacturing company for which I work has been in business since 1898. This is almost unheard of in today's economic situation. I have worked in the manufacturing of pressure control equipment for the oil and gas industry for thirty-nine years and have seen it all, both the bust and the boom of the industry. It continues to get harder and harder to compete with cheap labor overseas, so most manufacturing jobs have been relocated to other countries. It is difficult to buy anything with the "Made in United States" label; we must start exporting more than we import. Exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG), as well as any other product which we have in excess, makes sense for our economy today.

Representative Ed Markey's letter in opposition to the Department of Energy's study showing the economic benefits of exporting LNG must be dismissed. Exporting LNG will require more drilling; production brings jobs in drilling, manufacturing and service. I have lived in Oklahoma most of my life, and I have seen how the energy industry has improved our economy. Opening up drilling to its maximum potential will allow us to stop sending money to countries that use it to harm us. We have plenty; we need to use it and export the excess.

The exaggeration about the negative effects on water of hydraulic fracking is fraud and must be exposed. It is time for businesses and the public to fight back. Affordable energy is the driving force for manufacturing. If we want jobs for our citizens, we must take advantage of the natural resources we have. If we want to correct our trade deficit and bring money into our country, we must take advantage of the opportunity before us to export LNG.

Regards,

David Marler

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Marler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.