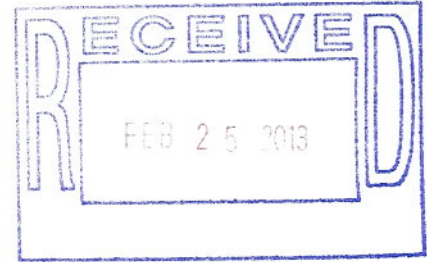


Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

The United States has a large reserve of natural gas. Demand for it will increase if we begin to export it in a liquefied form, thus bringing in much needed revenue. Obviously, our country is experiencing hardship but the study published by your department proves to be promising. While there is opposition to any policy, I do not see why Congressman Markey opposes selling our unused reserve.

There is not much natural gas in East Earl or on the farm I run where I grow corn, soybeans, and grain. However, Northern Pennsylvania possesses large reserves and so does Southern New York. Unfortunately, Southern New York has a moratorium on natural gas drilling at this time. It would be wonderful to see drilling in both areas. Although the impact would not directly affect me, it certainly would trickle over to my area. East Earl still has some manufacturing, but most has moved abroad or to another state due to taxation. Increasing natural gas production may expand those industries and entice others into coming back. I continue to hear more people having trouble finding work.

Increasing the natural gas market to include exportation seems to be the solution to many of our problems, including our trade deficit. Whenever I have a choice I try to buy local and American made, but it is becoming increasingly difficult to find that anymore. If your department decides in favor of authorizing LNG exports, more choices to buy American made will be available as well as more people being employed and stimulating the economy.

Thank you,

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