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Secretary Steven Chu  
2012 LNG Export Study  
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Dear Secretary Chu:

Government agencies should begin looking much closer at how a national energy policy or regulation will affect our American economy. A good example is the Dept. of Energy study of the economic impact of exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG). With the economic results being so great on so many levels, I do not understand why Congressman Markey is rejecting it.

In my area, unemployment is low because of the sparse population and prosperous agriculture industry. Although we have a surplus of natural gas, I would like to see natural gas companies operate in this area. Omaha has converted some of its transportation to natural gas, e.g., Metropolitan Utilities District vehicles.

Provision of jobs and increased tax revenues certainly would help our national economic problems. Recently, I retired from our state health and human services department. Requests for social programs like Medicaid payments and food stamps would decline, if more people were employed, and that could make some deep cuts in our spending. This combination of spending cuts and increased tax revenues should go far to help lower our national debt. These exports should be authorized immediately, and environmental regulations restricted, moving the U.S. and my State of Nebraska in the proper energy direction.

Yours truly,

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