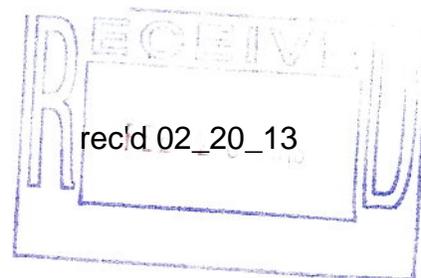D

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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
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Dear Secretary Chu,

In northeast Pennsylvania, natural gas production has made a huge difference in our economy. One of the first natural gas pump stations to fill automobiles has been installed in Towanda and more people are converting their vehicles to use it. I worked in a factory making paper for twenty-eight years and am now semi-retired. Several people that I worked with there have also left since they were offered better positions doing jobs that support the fracking operations. Some of our operations have moved into Ohio for various economic reasons. Increased demand for natural gas by exporting liquefied natural gas would bring more jobs into this area and our economy would be even better.

Exportation of liquefied natural gas would not only help our state, but it would bring economic benefit to the entire country. I am all for natural gas production and fully support your study citing the benefits to the economy that exporting it will bring. America needs to be in a better position to compete globally. Other countries are exporting natural gas and getting way ahead of us. We should be leading the way and bringing money into our country to make us stronger.

There is quite an abundance of natural gas in many locations across the nation. Congressman Ed Markey should have no concern about depleting our supply. Not only should we be exporting natural gas now to get our economy moving again, we should be using it in every way we can here at home to reduce imports of foreign oil. Authorize these exports as quickly as possible. This would allow our nation access to a more level playing field to compete as well as help to balance trade.

Regards,

Drew Kline