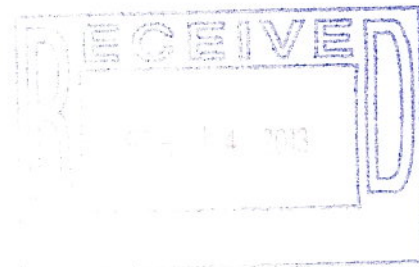


Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu-

The more money there is in the economy, the more the entire financial structure of the country is helped. When any business is thriving, it reverberates throughout the whole food chain. It would be no different for the natural gas industry if we were to start exporting our liquefied natural gas (LNG). The simple answer is that all businesses help and benefit from each other, from the trucking business right down the line to the local barber shop.

Some people confuse Charleston, our state's capital, with Charles Town, which is actually a part of the D.C. Metro area. Because we are part of D.C. Metro, we are largely supported by politics and government contractors. Obviously, this area would be indirectly impacted by exporting LNG, even though we have no actual energy production here.

Now, after thirty-five years in Quality Assurance, I find myself unemployed and back in the job market. It is discouraging that Rep. Markey send such a disparaging letter and does not see the great benefits that would come from exporting LNG, simply because of the jobs that could be created. As one of the people looking for work, and for all of the unemployed and underemployed in the country, I am asking that you give serious consideration to this proposal and help to get this country back on track.

Thank you for your help,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Casto". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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