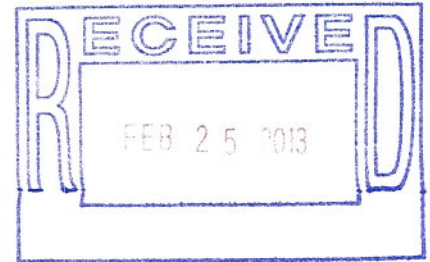


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Dear Secretary Chu-

Rep. Ed Markey is way off base with his letter opposing your department's study on exporting liquefied natural gas. The exportation of LNG is something we need to move ahead with now. In fact, we need to take a good look at how natural gas could be used to fuel vehicles and become more readily available to all Americans for heating and cooling. Liquid natural gas is cleaner and more cost effective than oil or coal. Exportation could provide us with many new jobs and stimulate the economy.

Although I am in no danger of losing my home, I cannot say the current economy has not adversely affected my business. It is an Internet-based business that is dependent on transportation. The high cost of transportation these days is really eating into my bottom line. Having three children, the oldest being sixteen, I could really put that extra profit to good use. Several people I know have lost their homes, as many of them lost their jobs because factories have closed. Even my brother-in-law had to uproot his family and move to Texas just to find a decent job.

LNG will be and should be the new oil and gasoline. It is time we try to balance the trade deficit and become less dependent on foreign fuel. It is important that our government pay attention to the will of its people, rather than politically motivated activist groups and politicians. Please allow the exportation of LNG to go forward.

Sincerely,


John Arthur