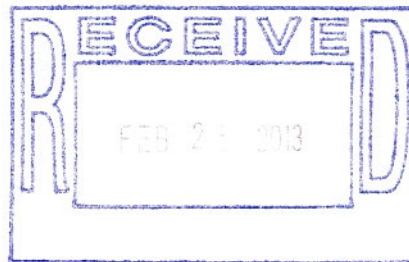


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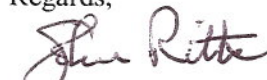
Dear Secretary Chu,

It is time for the government to step back and allow the development of America's natural resources. Despite the opposition from Congressman Markey on the exportation of liquefied natural gas, this country needs to put job creation first. Exportation of surplus natural gas will bring much-needed revenue to the United States.

Before my retirement ten years ago, I worked together with a team of scientists studying low-level radiation for Sandia National Laboratories. In recent years I have looked into hydrofracking and have concluded that the process leaves a very minimal environmental footprint. Natural gas is one of the cleanest sources of energy out there, and it should be used to its fullest potential.

Many years ago, I worked at a uranium facility for five years, but government policy changes shut the facility down and I lost my job. Things are only getting worse for our state. Albuquerque has lost 30,000 jobs over the last few years. One of my sons lives and works in New Mexico as an electrician and his field was among the hardest hit by the recession. On the other hand, I have a daughter living in Texas and the economy there is fueled by the energy industry, so it is doing great. It is my hope that our natural gas reserves here in New Mexico will be utilized to their fullest potential. I urge you to approve the export of liquefied natural gas.

Regards,


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