

Dear Secretary Chu-

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The energy industry, specifically the natural gas industry, is the vehicle that will transport us out of our economic problems. With the GNP down, our national debt increasing at such an alarming rate, unemployment continuing to rise and our record trade deficit, it is imperative that we take advantage of our opportunity to develop and export our newly discovered supplies of shale gas. Even though Representative Ed Markey disagrees with the Department of Energy study, most Americans understand the benefits of exporting liquefied natural gas. If only a portion of the money we could receive from other countries for this much demanded energy source could be applied to our national debt, it would be a tremendous help.

My husband is retired from Shell Oil, and I was privileged to be a stay-at-home mom. We feel very fortunate to live in this area. Currently, Houston is doing very well because we have taken advantage of utilizing our natural gas, shale, and the Eagle Ford deposit as well as oil. We also have great medical facilities. Our state is very much diversified. Unfortunately, many ranchers are having a tough time right now because of the drought; many have had to sell off their livestock.

We are seeing many coal-fired power plants and even some city vehicle fleets converting to natural gas. This will help reduce our carbon emissions. If liquefied natural gas (LNG) can be exported, our entire world would benefit with a cleaner atmosphere. I have heard much discussion on the news of the problems China is having with smog and dangerous conditions caused by pollution. If we export LNG, not only will the United States benefit financially, the entire world will benefit environmentally. Please stand behind the proposal to export LNG.

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