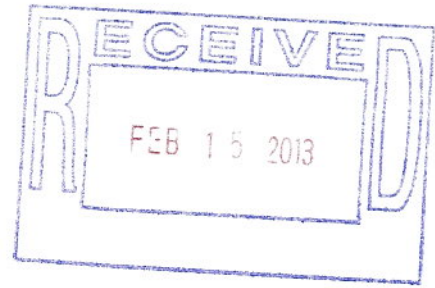


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Dear Secretary Chu,

This area traditionally depended on automotive manufacturing, including assembly and machine shops; however, the unemployment status is climbing higher and higher here in Davisburg. Even the new technology boon is not enough to sustain our community. We need a more robust industry to bring growth and prosperity to my state and the whole country. Natural gas and the prospect of being able to export it for sale outside of the United States is exactly what we need.

With environmental safety already in place, Representative Ed Markey should put his focus on job development instead of sending you his disapproval of LNG exports, and then everything else will follow. As a retired Administrator for the school system, I obviously am no longer concerned about work for myself. Nonetheless, an economy of depressed homes makes it difficult to see a bright future for the sale of my home here. The infusion of natural gas exports through a liquefied process will attract residents and other industry, which will drive up home values.

It is just so frustrating to see all these goods made in China, and it is nauseating to know that we rely so heavily on products from overseas while our market is tanking. Representative Markey is totally off base with this one. The jobs should be here; we should be the leaders in liquefied natural gas to reduce our trade deficit. My responsibility in finance for education gave me a bird's-eye view of the balance it requires to provide resources for the vitality of all departments. The Department of Energy will be prudent to take this approach and approve the development and exchange of liquefied natural gas for the overall good of the nation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lawrence Gruber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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