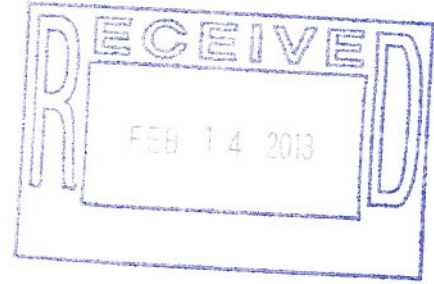


Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu:

The Department of Energy recently published a study on the benefits of natural gas exportation. However, Representative Ed Markey has come out and vocally opposed its results. Because the exportation of natural gas can potentially benefit our economy in many ways, I believe that we should allow its export regardless of the opposition it faces. I personally use gas heating here at home and it makes my life a bit more convenient. Natural gas is a valuable and useful resource which America should be exploiting to the fullest extent.

Although the economic climate has been about the same since I moved here in '67, I have noticed that some of our steel and manufacturing industry has left the area. Bethlehem Steel, once an employer of hundreds, left the area about fifteen years ago. Its departure was only one of many throughout this nation that resulted in lost American jobs and massive outsourcing to places like India and China. In order to reverse this trend, we need to come up with a new source of jobs and revenue. Liquefied natural gas (LNG) exportation could definitely fill the need. With all of the ports in this area, for example, exporting LNG could potentially bring a large amount of money and employment back to the area.

Energy regulations are necessary, but they must be in the best interest of the people. In these tough economic times, it is imperative that we do what we can to make new jobs and bring money into the economy. For these reasons, I feel that the Department of Energy should allow the export of LNG to countries around the world.

Your constituent,


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