



Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities
Office of Fossil Energy
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Dear Secretary Chu:

We must do everything possible to help get our nation out of the financial mess we are currently experiencing. Businesses are closing and jobs are being lost. Times are hard for senior citizens like my husband and me, as well as for young folks trying to support their families. We have the opportunity to export liquefied natural gas (LNG), and your department's report shows the many ways this could benefit our economy. Do not allow the opinion expressed in the letter from Rep. Ed Markey to influence your decision. You must approve the proposal to export LNG for the good of our country and for the good of our economy.

In our area, the Ford plant has closed along with Genesco Glass and many other businesses. I worked as a printer for almost fourteen years for Perry Printing, and now that business has closed, too. Chick-fil-A recently went out of Southlake Mall, leaving only Sears and Macy's and a few small specialty shops. If business and industry could be brought back to our community, it would help bring our housing values back up. Fortunately, we do still have the Coca-Cola plant as one of our major employers along with the airport. One of our sons works for Delta; the other is still in college. It is sad that college graduates cannot find work upon graduation; it is also a travesty that returning servicemen cannot find employment.

The jobs that would be created by producing and exporting natural gas would surely benefit our overall economy. Natural gas could be used here in many ways to help reduce our dependence on foreign oil. Our city vehicles have been converted to use natural gas. I insisted on adding the plumbing when we purchased our home so I could use natural gas for cooking and drying clothes in addition to heating our home and our water. We have such an abundance of this energy that we would still have plenty for exportation. Secretary Chu, please support the plan to export LNG.

Thank you,

Linda Collins

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Collins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.