

Secretary Steven Chu 2012 LNG Export Study U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34) Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities Office of Fossil Energy P.O. Box 44375 Washington, DC 20026-4375

Dear Secretary Chu-

Because I lived through the Great Depression and still have memories of it, I can tell you point blank that the only ingredient missing right now that is preventing us from going into another depression is inflation. This country must do everything in its power to stop that from happening. However, we could be on our way to economic recovery by exporting our liquefied natural gas (LNG) and in the process stop millions of people from experiencing a true depression.

Many people outside of Indiana do not know just how closely we are linked to the auto industry. Consequently, when the auto industry took a hit, we felt it here as well. Our unemployment has stayed around eight percent, which is higher than most areas. This is largely due to our auto industry ties, as many of the smaller parts were manufactured here. It would be nice to see the railroads as busy as they once were, and they could be with the exportation of LNG. My grandson works for them, and it would be a relief to know that he has job security.

As I mentioned, exporting LNG could touch the rail industry, but it could benefit many other areas as well. Perhaps our plants that once manufactured small car parts could also benefit, and maybe our unemployment rate would start to go down. As far as Congressman Markey not supporting the exporting of LNG, all I can say is that it really makes no sense. How could anyone be against doing something that could prevent the next depression? Please weigh all sides of this decision. Hopefully, you will realize that supporting the proposal really is in the best interest of our country.

Sincerely,

Margaret Muzzillo