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Dear Secretary Chu,

America is currently very rich in natural resources. We have the opportunity to expand our industry in that regard, and should take it for all the benefits it has to offer. The proposal to allow for the export of liquefied natural gas (LNG) should be passed on the basis of all of the rewards we can reap in employment and commerce.

For thirty-seven years, I was a school psychologist in Virginia. Working with students from kindergarten up to twelfth grade in that capacity, I had to pay attention to the world they would enter into upon graduation. While the job opportunities here are not bad, surely the increase in the scope of the natural gas industry would be for the best. The gas liquefaction plant that they are talking about putting on the Virginia coastline would become a reality, bettering this state's welfare. Ultimately, this would be a more stable place where our children could be secure and thrive.

America is not an island; we are an interconnected part of the world. If we are able to extract this resource in a way that respects our fragile environment and sell it to increase our commerce, what possible objections could anyone have? And yet, Congressman Markey has expressed his reservations in a letter to you. If we followed his advice, it would only serve to stagnate jobs and economic development, which we are in no position to afford. Instead, I ask that you authorize LNG exports for the good of our citizens and the next generation.

Regards,

Michael Werner