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Secretary Steven Chu
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Dear Secretary Chu,

It is wrong that Congressman Markey has seen fit to align himself, in a letter to you, with a small contingency of protestors who do not want the country to export liquefied natural gas. American energy production and the resulting prosperity should not be decided by a handful of naysayers. As your own study has revealed, the exportation of this fine product may result in the dramatic economic turnaround our citizens hunger for.

Exportation of energy and the myriad supporting industries that arise from it are just what the country needs right now. A state legislator recently revealed an independent study of the fiscal condition of Connecticut, and the findings are dismal. We rank at the very bottom of the ladder in all key categories. Our unemployment is sky high; job creation is anemic. We just had the biggest tax increase ever imposed in the state's history, making companies reluctant to move here. Property taxes are indecent. My tax bill on my two-bedroom condo has gone from \$1,400 to approximately \$2,200 in just six years. Young people leave in droves. It is just too expensive and there are not enough opportunities for them.

Profits from energy production appear in the most unlikely places. Kimberly-Clark, the only large company in the area, almost left town because their energy costs were prohibitive. They were granted approval to install their own gas turbine plant. As a result, the plant produces so much energy that they now sell the excess to utility companies. It is the only reason they are still in business. Infinitesimal objections will always surface when bold proposals are presented. They should never be allowed to squelch tangible solutions to real problems. Toward that end, I urge you to ignore the cynics and let us move forward with this great new industry. America longs to be prosperous again.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Andrews". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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