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The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
US Department of Energy

I am submitting comments in support of the letter of Governor Susana Martinez of New Mexico, dated January 22, 2013. The Governor made the case for DOE's approval of LNG export applications. As the Governor points out exporting some of our country's natural gas creates jobs here in our country, encourages additional investment and goes a long way towards reducing our trade deficit (over the last 10 years, the US has run an annual average trade deficit of over one half trillion dollars), all of which is vital for our country. The NERA study concludes, "the average annual increase in revenues from LNG exports ranges from \$2.6 billion to almost \$32.9 billion". The additional gas production associated with exports would also generate billions of dollars annually in much needed federal and state government revenue.

As a retired military officer, I understand the importance of energy security for our country. I wholeheartedly support Governor Martinez's statement that the global opportunity for our natural gas suppliers will help deliver greater global stability and national security. In closing, I urge the DOE to take positive action and approve the pending LNG export applications. Thank you for your consideration.

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