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Secretary Steven Chu
2012 LNG Export Study
U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34)
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Dear Secretary Chu,

Because the Department of Energy's study gives a clear and concise report of the benefits of exporting our liquefied natural gas (LNG), I cannot understand why Representative Ed Markey would not approve. Our country needs solutions to improve the state of our economy. Exporting natural gas can help in a variety of ways, and I do not think the Department of Energy should hesitate in approving these exports. It is a chance to create jobs and provide increased revenue to apply toward paying down our soaring national debt. If we don't do something soon, we may become citizens of China.

In the area where I reside, the job market is lousy. I am grateful that I am not looking for employment. I spent 20 years in the military and then worked in heating and plumbing before I retired. A large number of people I know are out of work and having a difficult time. One friend of the family has been unsuccessfully seeking employment for over a year.

Most of the major industries and factories such as National Felt that once operated in this area have closed or gone overseas. Increased production of natural gas and exporting the products should bring more manufacturing jobs into this area and across the country. Additionally, there are three ports in Massachusetts that are under consideration for exporting the natural gas. This would give this whole state an economic boost. I ask that you keep EPA energy regulations to a minimum and approve LNG exportation as soon as possible.

Regards,


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