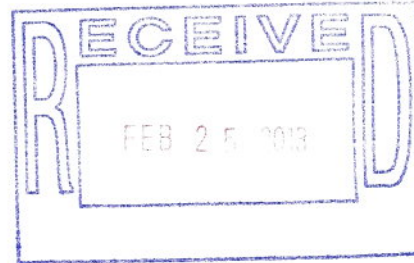


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Dear Secretary Chu:

Liquefied natural gas is a great investment for America. Exporting it would provide a much-needed boost to our ailing economy, both locally and nationally. There is a major shale deposit near San Antonio, and this is just one of numerous examples of how expanding the natural gas industry would promote the creation of new jobs and the protection of those that already exist. Furthermore, an abundance of natural gas can make America energy independent and wean us off foreign fuels.

As an employee of Conoco, I am proud to say that I worked on the first project to export liquefied natural gas. This resource was sent to the United Kingdom from Algeria on commercial ships called the Methane Princess and the Methane Pioneer. At one point during my eight-year career as a chemical engineer at Conoco, I was transferred to Conch Services in London. I had a chance to learn a great deal about the history of the natural gas industry, including the fact that natural gas was first commercialized in Britain after being discovered in the English Channel.

During my career, I also spent some time working for Transco, which is based in Texas and had a small plant in New Jersey that produced natural gas in liquefied form, known as LNG. They stocked a surplus of LNG in tanks mostly in the summer, then shipped it by pipeline to New York in the winter. The procedure was termed "heat shaved" due to the cost. As you probably know, natural gas has a fascinating history. What's more, all indications are that its future will be bright as well. Please allow it to be exported in its liquefied form. Disregard Congressman Markey's lame attempts to halt the trajectory of this exciting project.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald Corbett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "R" and "C".

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