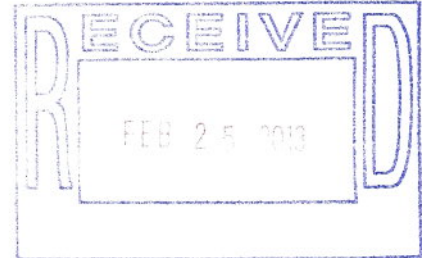


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Dear Secretary Chu:

If you look at a national unemployment chart you will see that our area is in the red zone. Back in the 80's and 90's, we had manufacturing companies like American Brass and American Motors all over. There was even an active port right on Lake Michigan where you could easily find work just by walking around. These days, there is still a small warehousing and distribution industry, but things aren't like they used to be. My area in particular needs the jobs that exporting liquefied natural gas would bring.

The natural gas industry is still going strong. I actually have a cousin who designs gas line layouts for WPS. We can now begin to export some of our natural gas to other countries to create more of these natural gas industry jobs. Natural gas exports are a wise decision, especially since we can sell these gases at three times the cost to places like Japan. Obviously, these profits would bring a large amount of money to America, along with promoting job growth and expansion.

Even though these exports are a clear win for the US, there are still people like Congressman Ed Markey who vocally oppose this expansion. The exportation of liquefied natural gas is one opportunity that we cannot let federal regulation hinder. With the trade deficit as high as it is, we need to begin exporting to help balance it all out. You need to step up and do what's best for America.

Your constituent,

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