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Secretary Steven Chu  
2012 LNG Export Study  
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Dear Secretary Chu-

Nothing brings prosperity to cities, towns, and communities like energy production. Oil and gas companies are notoriously huge employers. Since most of the country cannot find its way out of this recession, expansion of energy production seems a likely solution. For this reason, I ask you to move forward with your approval of the exportation of liquefied natural gas.

Living and working in Houston has proved one thing: energy production employs people. I am employed by oil refineries to monitor engineering safety policies. These workers have good, sustainable jobs. It is a simple equation: any expansion of gas production equals jobs creation. On a completely personal level, I would love to see us extracting more natural gas. My family has nine wells on our property. We were going strong in 2008 and 2009, then production slowed down as we drew more than needed. Expansion means we would start benefiting again. There are many of us around here in the same position. All the gas companies have to do is turn on the taps and we are set to resume.

Relying on your own studies, you were poised to approve exportation of natural gas. It is troubling that Representative Markey is now trying to squash the move. It is brutally unfair to the country and not very progressive of him. It is time we think outside the box, harness our vast abundance of this energy source, and get people back to work. We will see the benefits before you know it.

Thank you for your service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Suzanne OConnor".

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