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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-

In spite of recent feedback from **Massachusetts Congressman Markey**, it is important to allow the upgrades to the liquefied natural gas facilities. This endeavor will help the US economy tremendously. It makes sense to export some of our surplus natural gas in order to help bring revenue into our country.

The local economy here in Washington is pretty good, in part because we have our mills, nuclear power plants and windmills along with agriculture. Around here, everybody I know who wants to work is working. The upgrades to the natural gas import facilities located in several states across America will create upwards of 100,000 new American jobs.

Originally from Missoula, Montana, I recently went for a visit. The job situation there is bad. I know a number of guys who used to work at one of the local mills before it shut down who are now working in the natural gas industry. In fact, probably half of the workers that were laid off have moved to North Dakota for the hydrofracking jobs. Although my preference is 100 percent energy independence for our country, we should go ahead and make preparations to export the surplus abroad until we have the ability to utilize all of our natural gas here. Allowing these people to be laid off again because the American demand for natural gas is not keeping up with the supply is out of the question. That is why it is important to allow for the export of natural gas abroad.

Sincerely,

Tim Rasmussen

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.