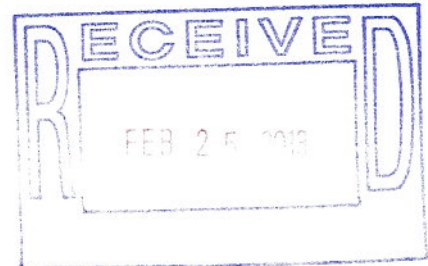


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Dear Secretary Chu,

Most Americans probably agree that America needs to be more energy independent, strictly from the standpoint that by not doing so we are weakening our own security. Having an advantage over most Americans in that I am a program analyst for the Department of Homeland Security, I would tend to agree. It is not so much a question of if something will happen, but when. When we have an opportunity like exporting our liquefied natural gas resources to further our independence, it is hard for me to comprehend why a few, including Representative Ed Markey, are resistant to the opportunity.

My wife and I live in the San Francisco Bay area, and my son lives about thirty minutes away. My daughter lives in the Seattle area with her fiancé, however. Nothing hits quite so close to home as knowing that even though they would like to move back to the Bay Area, economics and the lack of jobs are preventing that. There is not a lot of manufacturing or factories in this area; the main industry is banking or financially related. I know a number of people who either have been laid off or are in danger of losing their homes.

There may be different industries in other areas of the United States, but we are all impacted by this economy. It is time we move forward, in spite of the letter from such a prominent member of Congress, and take our place in the world as an exporter, and LNG exports can do that for us. It would be a great disservice to all Americans, on many levels, to do any less.

Regards,

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