Secretary Steven Chu 2012 LNG Export Study U.S. Department of Energy (FE-34) Office of Natural Gas Regulatory Activities Office of Fossil Energy P.O. Box 44375 Washington, DC 20026-4375



Dear Secretary Chu,

Representative Ed Markey's letter, objecting to the Department of Energy's facts on exporting liquefied natural gas (LNG) abroad, is maddening. It seems that every time we have the chance to move forward when it comes to energy, there is some crackpot leaislator who objects. My faith lies in the facts and figures in the study the Department of Energy provided and I see no reason to hesitate in moving forward with the plan to export LNG.

Spartanburg County has been very fortunate to have several large manufacturing giants like BMW and Kohler that have supplied many jobs for the area. I worked in textiles myself for over thirty-five years. However, I do know people who live in the middle of the state who are really suffering from a lack of jobs. We used to have a lot of mills in the state that helped keep people employed, but now there are only a few left open. That seems to be the same story all over the country.

My wife and I had been married for fifty-two years when she passed away. We have thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren with another on the way. I worry about their future and whether any good jobs will be available when they come of age. We need to help protect the future of coming generations, and one of the best ways to do that right now is to support the export of our liquefied natural gas.

Sincerely yours,

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