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Thank you,

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January 22, 2013

The Honorable Steven Chu
Secretary
Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Secretary Chu:

I am a County Judge in Arkansas, where we have produced energy in the form of oil and natural gas for many years. I strongly support the exporting of natural gas to global markets, because this will boost our local, regional and national economy.

Arkansas's economy has already felt the benefit of increased oil and natural gas production, most recently in the Fayetteville Shale Play, in both direct and indirect ways. The direct effects of increased production include an increase in jobs and revenue in the mainly rural areas of Arkansas where production tends to occur. Indirect effects of this activity include an increased need for grocery stores, hotels, and other amenities that oil and gas industry employees require when they come into our rural areas to work.

As the eighth largest natural gas producer in the US, Arkansas is well-positioned to benefit from LNG exports, which will create a greater demand for additional production and support numerous additional jobs. Our regional economy will also benefit from this, as our neighbor states such as Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma are the first, second and fourth largest producer of natural gas in the US, respectively. It is my sincere hope that any pending permit applications for LNG facilities will be approved without delay, so that Arkansas, its region and the nation may all benefit from this opportunity for economic development.

Sincerely,



Preston Scroggin