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January 21, 2013

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

Dear Secretary Chu:

In reviewing the results of the LNG Export Study conducted by NERA Economic Consulting, I was pleased to see the very positive findings. As a Member of the Arkansas Senate in an energy producing state, I am supportive of this opportunity to export natural gas to global markets to generate investment and jobs. Our state and country would benefit greatly from LNG exports creating a greater demand for additional production and supporting thousands of additional jobs.

Arkansas has a long history of oil and gas production and with the more recent discovery of natural gas in the Fayetteville Shale, exploration and production has increased significantly making Arkansas the nation's eighth largest gas marketer. Our neighboring states, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, rank first, second and fourth respectively in natural gas production making the prospect of LNG exports of real regional significance.

It is clear from the NERA study that LNG exports to America's trading partners are in the public interest. Pending permit applications for LNG facilities should be approved without delay so we can take advantage of this unique opportunity to create jobs, boost the economy and reduce our trade deficit. Simultaneously we can continue to expand domestic use of natural gas, a clean-burning source of American energy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JD", written over a white background.

Jonathan Dismang  
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