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

Dear Secretary Chu,

Under Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, the Department of Energy has approval authority over the import and export of natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (LNG). For more than four decades Alaska has been exporting LNG overseas. The Kenai facility in Nikiski has been exporting LNG since 1969.

The LNG export license for the Kenai plant expires in March 2011. As this date approaches, it becomes increasingly important to discuss the need to extend it. Currently, these licensees are renewed in two-year increments, but as the possibility of an in-state gas pipeline becomes a genuine option, at a minimum another extension of the current license, and more prudently a long-term extension, is necessary to entice investment and ensure there is an outlet for excess gas.

Japan depends on imports for 90 percent of its energy needs, and other Asian markets such as South Korea are increasingly depending on LNG. Fortunately, Alaska is geographically positioned to access these LNG markets, and with the construction of an in-state gas line, will continue to have the resources to meet these needs for years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Young".

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