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The Honorable Governor Andrew M. Cuomo
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Re: The Liberty Natural Gas, LLC application to the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration (MARAD) for the construction of Port Ambrose (docket number USCG 2013 - 0363)

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The Long Beach Chamber of Commerce representing the business community of the City of Long Beach, Lido Beach, Point Lookout, Atlantic Beach and Island Park would like to express its opposition to the construction of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) deep water port, Port Ambrose (docket number USCG-2013-0363), proposed by the private investment group Liberty Natural Gas, LLC approximately 17 nautical miles southeast of Jones Beach, NY. We strongly urge you to veto this proposal.

The construction of a LNG import facility (with potential to export) would negatively affect the Long Beach ecology, safety/security and economy of our business community. Since we are so reliant on the beach and natural resources of the ocean to attract tourists and visitors to our community this undertaking would have a negative effect on our economy.

Our City is an ocean beach community with a new 2¼ mile long boardwalk and a 3½ mile white sand beach. Our beach and boardwalk are open to the public year round and is a tri-state destination during the summer months.



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Further, Long Beach is still rebuilding from Superstorm Sandy with many residents not back in their homes and businesses still struggling to remain open. The Barrier Island is still without a hospital which creates health, medical and safety concerns. The loss of the hospital has also decreased the number of employees on the Barrier Island by over 2000 people.

Therefore, Port Ambrose is seen as an additional burden during the recovery process, especially without adequate health facilities.

The Chamber respectfully requests that you support our opposition to the proposal by vetoing it.

Thank you for your courtesies and understanding of the importance of this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Mark Tannenbaum
President