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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of New York State New York State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

In February of this year, I wrote to you encouraging your opposition to the proposal to develop the Liberty Port Ambrose Deepwater Port, or offshore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility, by Liberty Natural Gas, LLC. Since I have not heard back from you, I write to you again today on the same premise – to oppose this project.

Due to the prospective negative environmental and economic impacts this will have on Long Island's communities, I believe it is imperative to oppose this project. I have received calls from constituents across my district, including East Rockaway and Oceanside, as well as from Island Park and Long Beach families, stating their resistance to this proposal, and many local officials have spoken of their opposition as well.

This project poses a significant threat to the public health and safety of the ocean beach community and other Long Island communities, as well as the fragile environmental ecosystems that currently exist in the waters off Long Island's south shore. As we are constantly adjusting homeland security postures, the security-related risks also pose a serious concern as well. While we realize the importance of energy independence as a state and nation and developing those local sources to establish that independence, the negative impact in this case far outweighs the perceived benefits of this project.

I'm a lifelong resident of Long Island; raising my children here is important to me, as it is for all the families here who have the opportunity to live and enjoy Long Island's safe and picturesque beach lines. Our children deserve to grow with and enjoy these beaches, just like we did. As such, I can never support a project that will jeopardize the beach lines, north or south shore, that I and many others have grown up with.

I urge you to take these concerns into consideration while evaluating this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Brian Curran Member of Assembly, 21<sup>st</sup> AD