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The Honorable Andrew Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing to you regarding the proposal by Liberty Natural Gas, LLC to develop the Port Ambrose offshore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility. I have heard from constituents and local elected officials who have all expressed concerns about the potential negative impact this project may have on many communities that I represent.

Over the past few months, the Long Beach City Council, local civic associations, and many residents of the barrier island have expressed their strong opposition to this proposal. The recent release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and subsequent public comment period has generated additional opposition and even more acute concerns have been added to this discussion. Many residents whom I represent feel that the Port Ambrose proposal will pose a significant threat to the sustainability and safety of this ocean beach community and the fragile ecological environments that exist in the waters off the south shore of Long Island. In addition, the many security related risks that have been raised continue to be a serious concern of mine. While the need for increased energy sources are critical to the continued success of our state and local economies, the negative impact of the Port Ambrose LNG proposal on the local community has the very real potential of outweighing any perceived benefits.

I urge you to take the concerns of the many local elected officials and residents of the barrier island and surrounding communities into consideration while evaluating this proposal. Many legitimate issues have been raised and until such a time comes when they are appropriately addressed, I will be adding my name to the growing list that opposes this project. If you have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. G. Skelos".

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