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The Honorable David A. Paterson
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Dear Governor Paterson,

The members of the Long Beach City Council, Long Beach, NY have asked me to write you to express our unanimous opposition to the construction of the Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) deep water port proposed by the private investment group, the Atlantic Sea Island Group, 13 miles off the coast of Long Beach, NY. We strongly urge you to veto this proposal.

Our City is an ocean beach community. There is a 2 1/4 mile long boardwalk and the adjacent beach which is a 3.5-mile stretch of white sand open to the public year round. The construction of a LNG receiving, storage and regasification facility would greatly affect both our waters and the quality of life for our residents.

The council strongly opposes this idea as it would industrialize our public waters, endangers the delicate ecosystem and has the potential to create a public safety catastrophe.

We understand the need for increased energy resources in our State. However, we do not believe a man-made 60.5-acre island that stores liquefied natural gas is the correct approach. Any benefits derived from enhancing the natural gas supply are outweighed by the negative environmental and safety issues as well as, the disruptive navigational and recreational impacts this project will have on our waters and our community.

The council believes that the proposed project poses unacceptable risks from the standpoint of environmental issues, safety and water security. The council respectfully requests that you consider our comments and opposition in your deliberations on this important issue.

We further request that you support our opposition to the proposal by vetoing it. We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Charles T. Theofan
City Manager, City of Long Beach, New York