



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM ASSEMBLYMAN

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21ST DISTRICT

Letter to the Editor from the Desk of Assemblyman Brian Curran
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CURRAN TO GOVERNOR: OPPOSE THE PORT AMBROSE DEEPWATER PORT

Dear Editor:

I recently wrote a letter to Gov. Andrew Cuomo encouraging him to oppose the proposal to develop the Liberty Port Ambrose Deepwater Port, or offshore Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) facility, by Liberty Natural Gas, LLC. The Port Ambrose project is a marine facility for off-loading LNG proposed for construction off the Long Beach and South Shore. According to Liberty's website, two buoys would be tethered to the ocean floor to connect ships to a proposed undersea pipeline that would deliver into existing gas infrastructure on Long Island.

In my letter to the governor, I echoed my constituents, and many other local officials on Long Island, when I expressed my opposition due to the prospective negative environmental and economic impacts this will have on Long Island's communities. 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.

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 the south shore of Long Island. As we are constantly adjusting homeland security postures, the security related risks also pose a serious concern as well. While I 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 this project would create.

As a life-long resident of Long Island, raising my children here is important to me, and that goes without saying for all the families on Long Island who have the opportunity to live and enjoy Long Island's safe and picturesque beach lines. Our children deserve the same childhood as we enjoyed: to grow with and enjoy these beaches. As such, I can never support a project that will jeopardize the beach lines on the South Shore that I and many others have grown up with.

As a state representative, I am urging Gov. Cuomo to take the concerns of this issue into consideration while evaluating this proposal. Join me in stating your opposition to this project by signing my online petition to the governor at <http://goo.gl/forms/dBKsi76uuG>.

Sincerely,

Brian Curran
Member of Assembly
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