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## CITY OF LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL

November 6, 2015

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,

We, the members of the Long Beach City Council, would like to again express our unanimous 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 now.

Our City is an ocean beach community with a 2.25 mile long, newly rebuilt boardwalk and an adjacent 3.5 mile white sand beach which is open to the public year-round and is a regional destination during the summer months. The construction of an LNG import facility (with potential to export) would negatively affect the Long Beach ecology, safety/security, economy and the quality of life of our residents. Long Beach is still rebuilding after Superstorm Sandy with many residents not back in their homes and businesses just beginning to rebound. Therefore, Port Ambrose is seen as an additional burden during the recovery process.

We understand the need for increased energy resources in our state. However, we do not believe that Port Ambrose is the correct approach. Uses of alternative energy, such as wind and solar, should be seriously considered. 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.

This City Council believes that the proposed project poses an unacceptable risk from the standpoint of safety, health, environmental, and economic issues. Please find attached, excerpts from the City of Long Beach public scoping comments from August 2013, outlining additional



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concerns, as well as the City's petition of over 1,000 signatures, gathered in opposition to Port Ambrose. The Council respectfully requests that you consider the public's comments and our unanimous opposition, as expressed in this letter, at the August 2013 scoping meeting in Long Beach, NY, the January 2015 draft environmental impact hearings in Jamaica, NY, and again at the November 2015 final application hearings held in Long Beach, NY, in your deliberations on this important issue.

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

Sincerely,  
The City of Long Beach City Council

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