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Dear Ms. Salas:

I am writing to express my support for the Broadwater Energy Liquefied Natural Gas terminal proposed in the Long Island Sound. As a Long Island resident I am very concerned about rising energy costs and the need for affordable, clean and safe energy supplies to meet Long Island's energy demands.

The proposed Broadwater LNG facility in Long Island Sound is vitally important for Long Island's economy, environment and long-term future. Our residents and businesses are already paying some of the highest natural gas prices in the nation because of the disparity between domestic energy supplies and our increasing energy demands.

The Broadwater project will increase the supply of natural gas to this region and provide enough natural gas to heat 4 million homes. The bulk of the natural gas is expected to be used by the region's power plants to provide residents with cleaner, more affordable electricity year round. Plus, Broadwater is expected to save the region over $680 million in energy costs annually, which equates to an annual $300 savings for the average homeowner. The increased supply of clean-burning natural gas will help New York to meet its growing need for energy, while progressing our air quality and climate change goals.

With a location in the Sound over nine miles from the nearest coastline, the public will be safe and the vessel will be barely visible on a clear day. The U.S. Coast Guard found that Broadwater can be operated safely and securely in Long Island Sound and the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee's Draft Environmental Impact Statement found that Broadwater would have limited adverse environmental impacts. I am confident that Broadwater can be built and operated in such a way that will have little impact on its current uses and would have profound benefit for all energy consumers in the region.

My support of the Broadwater LNG project is rooted in the positive impact it will have on a range of economic, environmental and quality of life issues on Long Island and in the entire New York region. I urge you to consider the significant benefits that Broadwater would bring to Long Island and New York City during your analysis of this project.

Sincerely,

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