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Office of the General Counsel for Ocean Services
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1305 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear General Counsel,

Subject: Islander East Coastal Consistency Determination

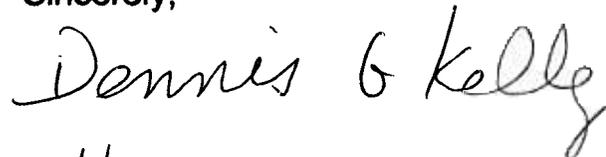
Please support our Connecticut DEP and deny Islander East's appeal.

The health of Long Island Sound as an economic and recreational resource is important to Connecticut. Any benefits of this pipeline are far outweighed by the environmental harm done to water quality, shellfish beds and coastal wetlands. Island East would destroy the economic development of many commercial shellfish beds.

This is a case of a short-term benefit to a few, Islander East, at the long-term expense and detriment to the many, the people of Connecticut.

Please uphold the decision by the Connecticut DEP to deny Islander East Pipeline Company a "coastal consistency determination" under the Coastal Zone Management Act.

Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Kelly