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Dear Ms. Salas:

The Manhattan Chamber of Commerce would like to express support for the federal and state regulatory review of the Broadwater Energy Liquefied Natural Gas project. This project will address many of the critical energy and economic development issues facing Manhattan and the New York metropolitan region.

The cost of energy is important to the business community in Manhattan. In recent years, businesses, large and small, have had to cope with volatile energy prices that severely impact their bottom-line.

North American demand for natural gas is outpacing North American supply. The New York region's location at the end of the North American natural gas pipeline system means it is the last to be served and will continue to face escalating price levels and potential shortages.

And local demand is not about to decline. It is estimated that upwards of 90 percent of the electricity generating capacity in New York City is fuelled with natural gas. Future power plant additions and expansions are also expected to use cleaner burning natural gas as fuel. The Broadwater LNG project will provide a much needed increase in the region's natural gas supply and stabilize energy costs for businesses and residents.

Additionally, stable energy costs have many implications for economic development and business expansion in Manhattan and New York City. Reliable, affordable energy could promote a stronger real estate market and more robust overall economic climate. In terms of attracting new businesses, more affordable energy will make Manhattan more competitive with regions that currently enjoy cheaper energy costs.

The New York region must expand its ability to meet current and future energy needs. The Broadwater LNG project puts us on the path of realizing that goal. This project will open up the region to a new supply of natural gas, diversify our energy options and reduce natural gas prices from the level they would be otherwise. These developments would be a boon to Manhattan's business community and economic development in the region.

**WE MEAN BUSINESS**

The Broadwater LNG project must be thoroughly and objectively evaluated. On behalf of our membership at the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, I would encourage the positive review of this project as an important step towards addressing the New York metropolitan region's pressing need for an increased energy supply and stable prices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Ploeger', with a long, sweeping line extending upwards and to the right towards the end of the main text block.

Nancy Ploeger  
President