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To Whom It May Concern:

We are two students from the Interdistrict School of Arts And Communication (ISAAC) school in New London. We are writing in opposition of the Broadwater LNG barge proposal for Long Island Sound. We're not going to go into great detail about the project, as I know that you are reviewing the project already and already know a great deal about the project. But we would appreciate it if you would look at our side and take it into consideration.

We strongly oppose this project. There are many reasons we oppose this project. I'm sure that you have gotten very tired of hearing them, but we're going to tell you again, so maybe you won't approve this project.

This project would greatly affect the Long Island Sound. Long Island Sound is a very beautiful body of water. The governments of both New York and Connecticut have spent many, many years and dollars preserving Long Island Sound and its waters. It would be a shame to lose the Sound to a barge the size of the liner *Queen Mary II*. Think of all the resources we would be losing. It would be a shame to have the Sound destroyed from one gas spill. That would destroy what the Sound has to offer.

When we mentioned that a spill would affect the surrounding area, people told us that even if the gas spilled, it would float on water and not affect the water. When you think about it for a minute, you discover the following: The LNG barge is an FSRU. That means that it is a Filling Station and Regasification Unit, as I'm sure you know. If the gas is spilled when the gas is in the regasification stage, then the gas would not float on top of the water, but respond as natural gas would. It would sink to the bottom and wreck the sound and the surrounding beaches.

The barge would also industrialize the Sound more then it already is. The LNG tankers would be coming in and out of the Race, a very narrow passage way. With the security risks, the barge, along with the two or three tugboats to accompany the barge through the Race, the Race would have to be completely closed off to the public fro a least 15 or 20 minutes at a time. Then, when the tankers left, the same process would have to be followed for another 15 to 20 minutes. It could also get in the way of submarines leaving the Sound.

Another concern is the lobster and fishing industries. If the barge is placed in the water, it would greatly affect these industries. On the plus side, the area were the barge is to be placed, would become a kind of sanctuary for fish. This would also provide a sanctuary for the lobsters. This ties into the prospect of a possible oil spill. If there was a spill, the fish and lobsters would most likely be killed. If the lobsters and fish were to go to this "sanctuary," then this would destroy the business of many, many fisher and lobster men. This would be a cause in a decrease of lobster and fisher men, which

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translates into a decrease in jobs. The barge would take maybe forty people to work on the barge and maintain it. There is more than double that number of lobstermen in the Lobstermen Association of Connecticut alone and a lot more independent. There are also a ton of fishermen, whether they fish for pleasure or for their business. If the fish and lobsters all went to the barge area, then there wouldn't be any fish or lobsters for the fisher and lobster men to make money off of.

We would appreciate it if you took the time and considered our point of view. We don't want a LNG barge placed in the middle of Long Island Sound. We hope you will take this letter into consideration and not approve the Broadwater proposal for Long Island Sound.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Cassie DeCourcey'.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Debra Hickling'.

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Does NOT Belong in Long Island
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