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October 16, 2015

Paul N. Jaenichen, Sr
Administrator
Maritime Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington D.C., 20590

Dear Administrator Jaenichen,

I am writing you today to express my opposition to the proposed Port Ambrose liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal.

As you know, this week the United States Coast Guard and Maritime Administration completed an in-depth environmental impact study on the Port Ambrose terminal and found that the project could have adverse effects on the environment and local maritime life. The ocean and coastline play a critical role in the local economy of my district and we simply cannot afford the ecological and environmental threats that the Port Ambrose terminal would pose.

The project's construction, coupled with the risk of a spill and the increased traffic in our waterways, could truly have a devastating impact on our beaches, on our ports and on the livelihoods of hundreds of hardworking Long Islanders.

Further, an LNG terminal could very well increase our dependence on harmful fossil fuels at a time when we need to be investing in cleaner and more renewable sources of energy. Fossil fuels have been proven to exacerbate the effects of climate change, which include coastal flooding, rising sea levels and more powerful extreme weather events. New York's fourth congressional district is still struggling to recover from Superstorm Sandy, and unless we begin treating climate change as the threat that it truly is, our community and economy will remain vulnerable to potentially catastrophic natural disasters.

Simply put, the Port Ambrose terminal runs completely counter to the priorities of my district. We want to focus on reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, creating good green jobs through investments in wind and solar power, and protecting our community and economy for generations to come.



Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kathleen M. Rice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a distinct 'Rice' at the end.

KATHLEEN M. RICE
Member of Congress