

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3204**

9 January 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
New York State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Port Ambrose liquefied natural gas (LNG) deep water port (docket number USCG-2013-0363). On behalf of the residents of New York's fourth congressional district, I urge you to veto this project, as I believe it poses a significant threat to our environment and does not reflect our state's commitment to lead the transition away from fossil fuels to clean energy sources.

The ocean and coastlines are vital to our local economies in the fourth district and throughout Long Island, and this project poses an unacceptable threat to those natural resources on which we rely so heavily. The potential ecological disruptions caused by the port's construction, the likelihood of increased traffic and congestion in our waterways, and the possibility of a spill are all risks that our communities and our economies simply cannot afford.

Furthermore, I share my constituents' concern that the process of reviewing this proposal has been conducted without sufficient outreach to or input from members of our communities. While the recently released environmental impact study seeks to address the potential for negative environmental, health and safety consequences, there remains a great deal of confusion about the study's findings and a general sense among some community members that they have been excluded from the process.

Finally, the construction of a natural gas import facility has the potential to increase demand for and dependence on fossil fuels at a time when we need to do the opposite. We on Long Island have the opportunity to be leaders in the transition to renewable energy sources like wind and solar power, and doing so will not only help protect our communities from the effects of climate change – it will also create good green jobs and new economic opportunities. I am concerned that, in addition to deepening our dependence on fossil fuels, the proposed LNG facility could

also delay or prevent opportunities to make more aggressive investments in the production of such clean energy sources.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely admire the leadership you have shown in protecting our state's natural resources and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, and I hope that you will continue to uphold that commitment by vetoing this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M. Rice". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "K".

KATHLEEN M. RICE

Member of Congress