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Honorable David Paterson
NYS Governor
The Executive Chamber
State Capitol
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Paterson:

Congratulations. Your experience, talent and temperament appear to be tailor-made for New York's top job. We wish you the very best.

We are writing to you on behalf of nearly thirty thousand people whom we are elected to serve in Branford, Connecticut on Long Island Sound, the treasured waterway we are privileged to protect and enjoy together with our New York neighbors. We are the Branford Representative Town Meeting (RTM) and this is our bi-partisan appeal to you. We implore you, Governor Paterson, to please help us defend Long Island Sound from dangerous industrialization. Please say no to the proposed Broadwater LNG re-gasification and storage barge.

Broadwater's LNG barge is designed for wide-open waters—oceans or gulfs—not fragile, shallow estuaries surrounded on three sides by people; not Long Island Sound. Terrorism, accidents and hurricanes pose obvious threats and serious questions persist about the U. S. Coast Guard's ability to effectively protect LNG facilities.

There are so many reasons to reject this proposal, but the real clincher is that Broadwater is unnecessary. Smarter, better, faster alternatives appear almost every day. For instance, Exxon is proposing Blue Ocean Energy, a project that would be located 20 miles off of New Jersey in the Atlantic Ocean, away from shipping lanes, ports and recreational areas. Blue Ocean even promises to provide 20 per cent more gas than Broadwater.

Also, please ask your energy advisors about on-board re-gasification LNG tankers that can utilize existing pipelines by retrofitting them with special nozzles. The re-gasified product goes directly from the tanker into the pipeline and on its way to where it is needed. Norway has safely used this system for years. Larger capacity carriers are being

built. This is just one of many potential ways to satisfy regional energy deficits while we improve conservation, develop renewables and create long-term solutions that safeguard our environment and wean us away from foreign fossil fuels.

Connecticut is eager to work more closely with New York to find intelligent solutions for our region's energy challenges. Broadwater does not begin to pass the intelligence test. Governor Paterson, you have triumphed over significant challenges with enviable grace and optimism. Clearly, your nature is heroic. We respectfully ask you to rise to the occasion that Broadwater presents by joining us in this critical battle. Please do the right thing and say no to Broadwater.

Sincerely,

The Branford, Connecticut
Representative Town Meeting
(Signatures Attached)