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An Open Letter to the Residents of Wading River

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on my efforts in opposing the proposed Broadwater Liquefied Natural Gas facility in the Long Island Sound.

At a recent joint Press Conference held on January 26th, I along with federal and state elected officials publicly announced our opposition to the Broadwater LNG proposal.

For your reference, a copy of my Press Release is enclosed.

Recently, I introduced legislation in the County Legislature to retain outside legal counsel for the purpose of representing you and Suffolk County's 1.4 million residents before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), which has jurisdiction over this matter.

Should it become necessary to pursue retaining outside counsel and other energy regulatory experts for this purpose, the cost associated with providing such legal expertise *may* accrue into several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Therefore, it is imperative that you contact United States Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton as well as Governor George Pataki to request that they join us in this fight to stop the Broadwater proposal in its tracks now.

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Listed below are the addresses and contact information for these elected officials for your ready reference:

Hon. George E. Pataki
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Hon. Charles E. Schumer
U.S. Senator
145 Pinelawn Road
Suite 300 North
Melville, NY 11747
(631) 753-0978

Hon. Hillary Clinton
U.S. Senator
780 Third Avenue
Suite 2601
New York, NY 10017
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My proposed legislation will be heard by the Legislature's Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee which will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Legislative Auditorium in Hauppauge. Kindly advise this office if you would like to attend so that we may provide you with further information.

Please note that the Broadwater proposal is presently in the pre-filing review stage, and they recently announced that they would be submitting an application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission sometime between now and September 2005.

Thank you for contacting me and sharing your concerns. Your support of this legislation is appreciated and I welcome the opportunity to communicate with you further on this matter or any other matter of concern.

Very truly yours,

Michael J. Caracciolo
Suffolk County Legislator

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