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The Honorable Kathy Hochul Governor of New York State NYS State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

We write to jointly express our strong support for the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) project. This critical infrastructure project will provide substantial benefits to Long Island's economy, strengthen energy reliability, and support our shared commitment to environmental responsibility.

This project will increase New York's natural gas supply by approximately 13%, helping to meet the growing demand from residents, small businesses, and emerging industries such as high-performance data centers powered by artificial intelligence applications.

This increased capacity is essential not only to address today's needs but also to ensure resilience in the face of extreme weather events and potential supply disruptions. NESE is the only major energy infrastructure project in the next fifteen years capable of meaningfully addressing escalating reliability risks and safeguarding our energy future.

Economically, the project represents a \$1 billion direct investment that is expected to stimulate approximately \$548 million in economic activity and generate nearly \$37 million in state and local tax revenue. It will support about 2,000 direct and indirect jobs including 1,200 construction jobs. It will also deliver \$230 million in wages and benefits to hardworking families.

For our constituents, these are not just statistics; they represent opportunities for good-paying union jobs and stronger, more resilient local economies.

The project also provides real benefits for consumers and our environment. Independent analysis shows NESE alone could save New Yorkers up to \$6 billion in electricity costs over 15 years, with nearly half of those savings benefiting Downstate residents.

In addition, this project will reduce reliance on diesel-fueled truck deliveries of liquefied natural gas (LNG) which will cut greenhouse gas emissions and decrease dependence on oil. It is a pragmatic step forward that balances immediate energy reliability needs with our long-term sustainability goals.

Governor Hochul, we respectfully urge you to support the timely advancement of the NESE project. Our constituents deserve an energy system that is reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound. This project delivers on all three, while also creating meaningful opportunities for the working men and women of New York.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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