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October 13, 2026

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

To Governor Hochul,

We write to request that you strongly consider hitting the pause button regarding the massive battery storage facility proposed for the Manorville area of Suffolk County. As you are aware, there was a fire at a battery storage facility in East Hampton in May of 2023 and to date, we have not yet heard of an official determination as to the exact cause of that fire.

Additionally, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that their field investigations have determined that the area's drinking water was likely contaminated by the use of the chemical compounds contained in the fire suppression system at the facility. As a result, there is an active lawsuit currently pending in the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York, alleging damage to the environment and in particular, to the region's drinking water.

The fact is, there are entirely too many serious questions still unanswered surrounding the impact these BESS facilities pose to the safety, health and well-being of the communities, residents and the environment in the surrounding areas. This is why we are deeply concerned that the State would be considering placing additional BESS facilities anywhere on Long Island before we have answers to these questions. Even more concerning is that this latest proposed facility is 30 times larger than any existing BESS facility currently on Long Island.

With so many unanswered questions surrounding these facilities and the risk they pose to the region's environment, drinking water and the community's health, we urge you to take a prudent course and pause this proposed BESS project. Until Long Island residents have answers to these questions and we have a consensus

among firefighters and first responders that they can safely handle any fires and/or emergencies at these facilities the responsible action would be to hit the pause button on this massive project.

Respectfully yours,

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Senator Dean Murray
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Senator Anthony Palumbo
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