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May 10, 2017

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo:

I formally request that you take immediate action to exempt Long Island from the mandate placed on New York State utility bills adopted as part of the Clean Energy Standard. This increased cost, approved by the Public Service Commission (PSC), is simply unacceptable for the constituency I serve.

The subsidy will have a profound negative impact on our municipalities, school districts, businesses and ratepayers. This across the board, multi-million financial burden benefits nuclear power generators located nowhere near Long Island.

Electric utility rates on Long Island are already some of the highest in the United States. The surcharge will further damage our economy and force residents to make up the difference twice as local governments, schools and businesses undoubtedly spread their increased costs back to their taxpayers and consumers.

While we all agree that we need to reduce our Nation's reliance on fossil fuels and promote clean energy, the Clean Energy Standard is saddling Long Islanders with higher utility bills for little to no benefit to our communities. Adding insult to injury, the PSC has chosen to hide these charges on our electric bills and reject any transparency to the public. Long Island must be exempted from this damaging mandate.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl L. Marcellino". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Carl L. Marcellino

