

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

September 18, 2014

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Gov. Cuomo:

We are writing to express our support for the proposed Finger Lakes propane storage project and offer our assistance in moving the project forward. The proposed storage facility is one mechanism that would relieve regionalized distribution constraints and help prevent a future propane shortage thereby protecting our constituents from the associated consequences.

The extreme winter weather experienced throughout the Midwest and Northeast wreaked havoc in our respective districts. Some of our constituents were displaced from their homes as heating supplies ran out and temperatures plummeted well below zero. Livestock producers were unable to provide adequate heat for animal inventory putting significant investments at risk. Local retailers struggled to stay in business as supplies decreased and prices skyrocketed. You no doubt dealt with similar hardships first hand.

In response to the shortage, a number of congressional and state and federal agency actions were taken to relieve impacted communities. These actions resulted in certain regulatory waivers that allowed propane transporters flexibility to speed-up delivery to the most impacted regions and a reprioritization of pipeline shipments.

While we have certainly worked through the height of the propane shortage and resulting crisis, both the U.S. House and U.S. Senate have continued to assess the causes for the shortage and considered proactive steps we can take today to prevent future shortages. One such step would include building up regional storage, such as the Finger Lakes propane storage project. While the proposed storage facility would primarily serve the Northeast region, it would have residual benefits on neighboring regions, including areas where our constituents reside.

We understand and respect the role of New York in deciding whether this project ultimately goes forward. We simply write to express our support for the project and offer any assistance you may need.

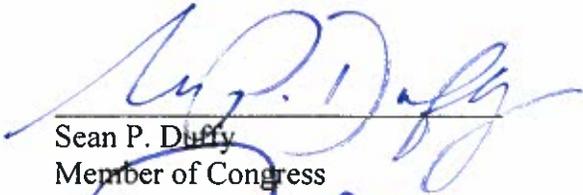
Sincerely,



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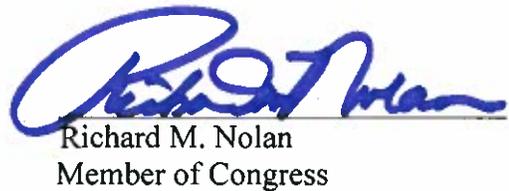
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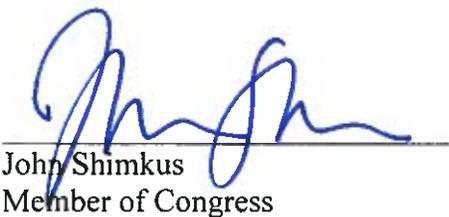
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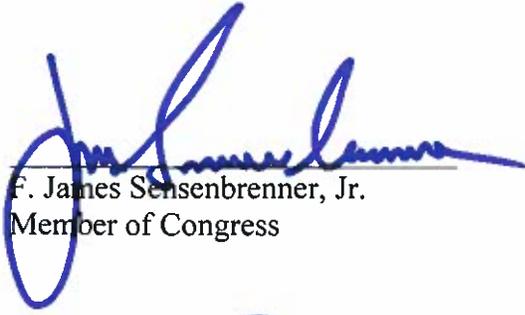
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