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His Excellency Bruce A. Heyman United States Ambassador to Canada 490 Sussex Drive

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Dear Ambessedo Heymen -

Your Excellency,

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Ambassador of the United States to Canada. It was a pleasure meeting you and your wife last month at a luncheon organized by Speaker Kinsella on Parliament hill. I wish you both the very best and hope your time with us will be enjoyable both professionally and personally. Our two nations have a strong history, a unique friendship and a long record of cooperation that I know will continue and strengthen under your watch.

It has come to my attention that you might be attending the Golden Anniversary celebration of the Roosevelt Campobello International Park, which will take place August 8-10. This commemorative weekend will offer all guests and local residents alike an opportunity for Canada and the United States to once again recognize our close relationship.

As the Member of Parliament representing Campobello Island and the surrounding coastal communities, I would like to invite you to join me on a tour of the shared Canada-U.S. waters of Passamaquoddy Bay along with Canada's Head Harbour Passage, which is the marine route to Passamaquoddy Bay. This outing can easily be scheduled around your visit to the Roosevelt Campobello International Park as I will arrange departure from and return to Campobello Island.

At issue is the upcoming decision by the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission on a proposed LNG facility in Washington County, Maine. The proposed LNG tanker transit route is through Canada's Head Harbour Passage after which the traffic straddles Passamaquoddy Bay. This project poses unique environmental, navigational and safety risks and is opposed by local

governments, the province of New Brunswick, the Government of Canada as well as residents in southern New Brunswick.

Mr. Ambassador, I believe your participation in a tour of these waters would give you an appreciation why this area is not appropriate for an LNG facility as well as LNG tanker traffic and why public opposition runs very deep. I hope you will find time to join me to explore these waters while you are on Campobello Island. Whether it rains or shines, I know you will marvel at the beauty of this area – parts of which Canada and the United States share – that both our countries have an obligation to administer and safeguard.

Sincerely,

John Williamson, M.P. New Brunswick Southwest

cc His Excellency Gary Doer, Ambassador of Canada to the United States

cc Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission

cc Save Passamaquoddy Bay Canada

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