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Mr. David P. Littell,  
Commissioner  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

Dear Commissioner Littell,

I am writing to reiterate Canada's serious concerns regarding the proposals to construct liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals on the Maine side of Passamaquoddy Bay.

The Government of Canada continues to support the responsible development of LNG terminals in North America. However, Canada opposes the passage of LNG tankers through the waters of Passamaquoddy Bay due to the navigational, environmental and public safety risks associated with the transit of these tankers. The Government of Canada is committed to protecting this area, widely recognized as a unique and highly productive marine ecosystem.

I have been informed that Board of Environmental Protection (BEP) applicant Calais LNG proposes that LNG tankers follow a course from Western Passage north using the Canadian waters of Passamaquoddy Bay in order to avoid interfering with fishing and lobstering along the Maine coast. You may not be aware that the Canadian waters of the Western Passage and Passamaquoddy Bay are internal waters of Canada and subject to the exclusive jurisdiction and regulation of the Government of Canada. In examining Calais LNG's application, the BEP should take into account the fact that Calais LNG has not received the permission of the Government of Canada for LNG tankers to transit Canadian internal waters.

Canada and the United States enjoy the world's largest integrated trade and energy relationship and Maine is an integral part of this relationship. By working together and in a way that takes into account the views and concerns of our respective countries, we can strengthen this relationship and ensure long-term energy security for North America.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Le Blanc".

Neil Le Blanc  
Consul General of Canada to New England

cc.

The Honourable John Baldacci, Governor of Maine  
Mr. Arthur Gelber, Development Manager, Calais LNG