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To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that on April 9<sup>th</sup> of 2008, Executive Order No. 2 was issued. This order has the intentions to create and implement a much needed energy plan for NY state. I am writing this letter with much concern and hope that the new plans will favor a long-term investment in renewable energy. Energy conservation and energy efficiency are increasingly becoming a more and more important area of concern and for rightful reasons. Small steps are being taken by the individuals of the population such as buying hybrid cars and energy conservation of lights, heat, etc. in our houses, but that is minor compared to the great potential held by our political leaders, the energy planning board and the head people of LIPA. With only the good will and hard work of those who hold power in such great decisions will we truly hit milestones in our effort towards energy conservation.

I do not know how the people in charge of executing Executive Order No. 2 look at the potential situation they have lying ahead of them; I, however, see a great opportunity to help preserve the environment. I also see an excellent economic resource that should be happily tapped into considering the devastating time our fellow citizens are enduring through the current economic recession. If it is decided upon to begin large-scale energy conservation projects, many jobs will be needed.

Solar energy will do much for Long Islanders. It is able to meet peak energy demands, particularly during the summer months. Wind power also will provide fixed costs onto the energy grid opposed to the widely varying costs of fossil fuels. I do not understand why offshore wind, being a positive, clean energy source, isn't being provided to Long Islanders. I am very proud of being from this great state of New York, however, I feel as if the officials and energy providers of New York are ignoring

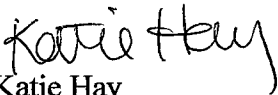
potentially great energy sources. Rhode Island, Delaware and New Jersey officials and energy providers all have begun to pursue offshore wind aggressively; why have we not?

Fossil fuel causes pollution and is both costly and harmful to the environment. We are no longer from times where it is unknown of how to move on from fossil fuels, I simply hope that the upcoming energy plan does so. New York's natural resources should be maximized responsibly to generate clean energy and local jobs. This is a win-win situation; please stop letting us lose. Being from Long Island there is the ability to create renewable, clean energy within a close proximity to where I live allowing the maximum amount of energy to be conserved because of a short range traveling distance.

The people of Long Island not only need, we deserve to have offshore wind as a part of our energy resources. We also need solar projects created on a large scale, especially for our summer months when energy is in high demand and the solar energy will be highly accessible. We can't wait any longer for these actions to be taken. Now is the time that legislation and action is able to occur; and now is the time that it should.

Thank you for taking the time to read about my deep concerns for the environment and about our energy resources.

Respectfully yours,

  
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