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

Dear Governor Cuomo:

On behalf of the citizens of the First Senatorial District, encompassing eastern Long Island, I want to express my support for the approval and use of alternative energy modalities to power Long Island. Wind, solar, and other new sources of energy are critically important to meet both our energy demands and the environmental balance we must achieve in our overall energy strategy.

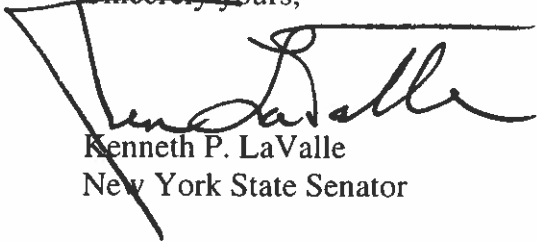
Presently, there is a pending project by Deepwater Wind that would greatly bolster the East End's energy reliability, be environmentally friendly and help stabilize rates for residents. The proposed wind farm would be located 30 miles off shore, so it would have little or no impact on any community. Deepwater Wind is taking measures to accommodate wildlife and the migration of the various bird species that traverse the area. No overhead line would be added to the landscape as the plans call for underground cables to carry the new energy.

Deepwater Wind's proposal would be scalable to address Eastern Long Island's needs, create hundreds of construction jobs and subsequent permanent positions to operate and maintain the facility. The company has completed the necessary federal licensing requirements for the land leasing process, assuring its ability to be operational within a reasonable time frame.

Additionally, as Chairman of the NY State Senate Higher Education Committee, I have long supported the pairing of Higher Education and private industry. The collaboration benefits students, researchers and the local economy. I am pleased that Deepwater Wind has begun discussions with Stony Brook University concerning the synergies that can develop with the information obtained from wind power research and development.

Approving Deepwater Wind's current proposal would be a positive step in encouraging this and other alternative energy initiatives to come to New York. Deepwater Wind has my support, and I look forward to working with all stakeholders to help realize the full potential of this project.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken LaValle", written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

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