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To Governor Andrew Cuomo, PSEG Long Island President and Chief Operating Officer David Daly, and Chairman of the Board of the Long Island Power Authority Ralph Suozzi:

On behalf of the local, state, and national organizations signed below and our millions of members and supporters in New York and across the country, we welcome the Request for Proposals (RFP) from Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) for new renewable generation to strengthen the future of the island's energy system. We are brought together by our collective concern about the dangerous consequences of our over-reliance on carbon-polluting fuels for current and future generations of New York's coastal communities and wildlife, and we stand together in support of increasing our state's use of clean energy. With this RFP, LIPA has the opportunity to set New York on a pathway toward a cleaner, more resilient and affordable energy future.

The persisting devastation of Hurricane Sandy and the immense challenges of climate change and ocean acidification demand bold leadership and effective solutions from New York's leaders. LIPA has a critical role to play in driving those solutions forward. There is a world-class utility-scale clean energy resource sitting just off New York's coast, ready to be harnessed. For example, Deepwater Wind's proposal to power Long Island with offshore wind offers an opportunity to choose locally-produced, valuable clean power, diversify Long Island's energy mix, and put us on track

to meeting and increasing New York's renewable energy targets and goals. Our national, state, and local organizations are united in support of responsible development of offshore wind power, and we urge New York to take pride in leading the nation toward this shining clean energy frontier.

Offshore wind power is a booming global industry that for more than twenty years has been providing clean, renewable energy – and thousands of long-term jobs – to coastal communities in Europe without harming local coastal and marine resources. Now, the U.S. can benefit from years of lessons learned across the Atlantic and start America's next energy chapter with the advanced technology and expertise available today to build projects far offshore, where the stronger wind resource provides even greater environmental and economic benefits. Atlantic offshore wind power blows strongest at times of peak energy demand and can deliver significant amounts of clean power into the grid at the moments we need it.

We strongly urge New York to embrace and incorporate the potential of offshore wind power and utilize its close proximity to our increasingly demanding energy markets. For the sake of coastal resiliency, local jobs, increased investments in economic development and manufacturing, wildlife, and future generations of New Yorkers, we thank you for inviting proposals for large-scale renewable energy and look forward to working with you to advance offshore wind for New York.

Sincerely,

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