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Mr. Mark Prescott
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Dear Chief Prescott:

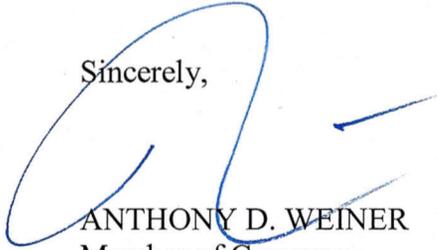
I write to request that the United States Coast Guard hold public hearings in Rockaway, New York regarding the proposed Atlantic Sea Island Group's Safe Harbor Energy Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application both before and after the release of the draft environmental impact statement.

Atlantic Sea Island Group's LNG terminal application proposes a 60.5-acre man-made island terminal 17 miles off the Rockaway shoreline. While the United States Coast Guard has held hearings in Eatontown, NJ and Long Beach, NY, none were held in New York City, which is closer to the site than New Jersey. I urge the Coast Guard to ensure that Rockaway residents be permitted to fully participate in the review process.

This is too important an issue to permit only hearings to the east and west of Rockaway. If we are going to make an informed decision, my constituents need to hear the proposal details directly from the responsible federal agencies and the Atlantic Sea Island Group.

Therefore, I call on you to hold a public federal hearing at 400 Beach 135th Street, Rockaway, P.S. 114 Belle Harbor School on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 4pm, as well as a follow up hearing in Rockaway upon release of the draft environmental impact statement.

Sincerely,



ANTHONY D. WEINER
Member of Congress