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Dear Governor Hochul,

As representatives of New York's vibrant and diverse communities, we stand united in our strong support for energy infrastructure and the Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project. Across every sector of our state, we recognize that reliable, affordable energy is essential to sustaining New York's economic growth, protecting working families, and ensuring healthy, thriving communities.

We applaud your pragmatic energy approach that prioritizes these same goals.

New York is navigating a complex energy future. Demand for energy is rising rapidly — projected to grow by 50% to 90% by 2042 — driven by electrification, new industries, and population growth. Without new solutions, our grid risks falling short, threatening businesses, workers, and households across the state.

This growth in energy demand requires investment in energy infrastructure. Upstate that means enhancing the systems already in place, adding electric transmission and distribution while also upgrading and maintaining the gas distribution networks to be able to move gas more effectively across the state. Downstate, NESE offers a vital solution. By increasing natural gas capacity by 13%, the project will deliver stable energy supply that ensures small businesses, affordable housing developments, and new industries have the power they need to operate and grow. NESE is projected to save New Yorkers up to \$6 billion over the next 15 years, shielding families from rising utility costs and easing the burden of the state's cost-of-living crisis.

Beyond affordability, NESE will bring significant economic and workforce benefits. The project itself will create over 3,100 direct new jobs and generate more than \$23 million in GDP, while supporting thousands of jobs, including good union jobs, in sectors from manufacturing and construction to healthcare and real estate development. These are meaningful, family-sustaining opportunities that will strengthen New York's workforce for years to come and continue to make New York a desirable location for companies. And with a PLA on construction, which we encourage, we can ensure use of the most highly-skilled workforce, create opportunities for underserved communities, and foster efficient and safe project delivery.

Reliable energy infrastructure safeguards our communities. By enhancing system reliability during peak demand and extreme weather events, NESE will help ensure that no family or business is left without heat or power when it matters most. This project is a bridge to a more sustainable energy future — one that balances immediate reliability and affordability with long-term investments in renewable supply.

Supporting energy infrastructure is an important part of your all-of-the-above approach to energy, which prioritizes the needs of New Yorkers. We urge you to embrace NESE as a practical and essential component of New York's energy strategy. Together, we can secure an energy system that supports our economy, protects working families, sustains small businesses, and strengthens every community across our state.

Sincerely,

Association for a Better Long Island
Association for a Better New York (ABNY)
Balkan Sewer And Water Main Service
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau & Suffolk Counties
Building Trades Employers' Association (BTEA)

Capital Region Chamber

CenterState CEO

**CSA Group** 

Farmingdale Rotary Club

General Needs Ltd

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**Greater Jamaica Development Corporation** 

HANYC

Health and Welfare Council of Long Island

HIA-LI

**Huntington Historical Society** 

Huntington Station Business Improvement District

**IBEW Local 97** 

IBEW Local Union 1049

Island Harvest Food bank

**IUOE** 

LI Main Street Alliance

Local 128

Local 21, United Association of Plumbers, Steamfitters and HVACR Union

Local 638

Long Builders Institute

Long Island Association

Long Island Board of REALTORS® (LIBOR)

Long Island Contractors' Association

Mohawk Valley EDGE (Economic Development Growth Enterprises)

Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic

**New York Building Congress** 

New York State Building Trades

New York State Economic Development Council

NYC Master Plumbers Council

Partnership for New York City

Pioneer Business Systems

Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union # 112

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 373

Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 81

Plumbers Local Union #200

Queens Chamber of Commerce

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Real Estate Board of New York

Riverhead Chamber of Commerce

Subsurface Plumbers Association

Suffolk County Alliance of Chambers, Inc

The Hallen Construction Company

The Master Plumbers Council

The New York State Laborers Organizing Fund

The Plumbing Foundation City of New York, Inc.

UA Local 22 Plumbers and Steamfitters

UA Local 7 Plumbers & Steamfitters

UA Plumbers Local Union No. 1

United Association

United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 773

United Jewish Organizations of Williamsburg and North Brooklyn (UJO)

United Veterans Beacon House

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