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Commissioner Phone # 518-402-8545  
Fax 518-402-8541  
CLAUDIA Q. STEHMAN
April 23, 2015

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-0001

RE: Crestwood: Proposed liquefied petroleum gas storage facility in Watkins Glen, Schuyler County.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am providing you with the following information for your immediate attention.

At the regular meeting of the Varick Town Board, Seneca County, held April 7, 2015 the following motion was passed:

A motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Kathy Russo to urge DEC to deny the application of the Crestwood permit and work with them to find an alternate location for their project.

Roll Call:
Robert Hayssen: Yes
Richard Peterson: Yes
Kathy Russo: Yes
John Saeli: No
Todd Horton: Abstained
3 -Yes, 1-No, 1-Abstained
Motion Carried

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the original filed in the office of the Varick Town Clerk.

Dated: April 23, 2015

Donna Karlsen, Town Clerk

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(C) Derry McIntosh

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Heavy industrial activity would inhibit tourism
and accidents, explosions happen all the time.
STOP this insanity.

Annette Bailey
Defenders of Wildlife played a leading role in two of the most important wolf reintroductions in the U.S.: the reintroduction of Mexican gray wolves in the Southwest, and of gray wolves into the Northern Rockies.
Ms. Annette Bailey
753 James St Apt 304
Syracuse, NY 13203

DEC Commissioner
MARGER

New York State of Environment
mental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY
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Governor Andrew Cuomo  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

The Finger Lakes Region of New York has once again received accolades in the recent article, "5 Must-Do American Road Trips" (see enclosed). In the article, it states,

"New York State's Routes 5 and 20 are steeped in history: They started as foot trails established by Native Americans thousands of years before the American Revolution. Today, New York's famous, historic east-west corridor offers a road trip with lots of high-adrenaline adventure: think hiking under waterfalls, biking, hang-gliding, hot air ballooning, and more. Foodies can enjoy farm-to-table dining options, a Cheese Trail and Sweet Treat Trail, and cooking classes at the New York Wine and Culinary Center. And, as if cheese and dessert trails weren't enough, there's a Finger Lakes Beer Trail — the region's new hot spot for brewers and distilleries that utilize local fruit and grain. Cruising through at the end of summer? Don't miss the Great New York State Fair."

We could not agree more. As owners of a multi-generational family business that supplies so many of the farm-to-table restaurants, cafes, wineries, independent retailers and grocery stores with wholesome, transparently sourced local products, we rely heavily on preserving the Finger Lakes' clean agricultural economy that has drawn such praise.

Interest, investment and advocacy for local and regional food systems have reached all-time highs. With New York State investing heavily in its agricultural economy, the USDA focusing on food hub formation in concert with groups such as the Wallace Center/Winrock International and RSF Social Finance, there is certain to be dynamic discourse and development in the ways that we procure and interact with our food supply for years to come.

Texas-based Crestwood Midstream's proposal to store methane, propane and butane in the abandoned salt caverns along Seneca Lake would bring a kind of industrialization and threat to all that we, and our father before us, have worked so hard to accomplish. Their proposal would not only impact Schuyler County, it would change the culture that all of us in the region work in concert to create. We simply cannot afford to jeopardize the rich, vibrant Finger Lakes Community
that has taken generations to develop, and would take only one catastrophic accident to tear down. Barring any accident, the above-ground infrastructure required for such a facility is not compatible with the bucolic nature we have in the Finger Lakes. Further, there is science to suggest that there is communication between the caverns and the lake bottom—a drinking water resource for over 100,000 people. The lake is already exceeding EPA salinity guidelines for infants and individuals with sodium restricted diets. Permitting such massive scale industrialization for a finite project such as Crestwood’s outright disaffirms the very character that we have arduously and collectively developed, threatens our safety, and our drinking water, and is simply unacceptable.

We join the hundreds of other businesses, along with the now 24 towns, counties, villages and cities throughout the region, in strongly and respectfully asking you to deny all permits for gas storage on Seneca Lake. We urge you to consider the requests coming from your constituents who have played a part in making the Finger Lakes the world-class tourist destination that it is today—not a Texas Gas Corporation.

Sincerely,

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Wyoming's Wild West
5 Must-Do American Road Trips

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( Photo: Christian Gideon/Stocksy)

It's spring, and that means it's time for the most iconic of American vacations: a good old-fashioned road trip. Whether you're traveling by Ferrari, minivan, RV, or motorcycle, grab your keys and set out on one of these roadie adventures.

Colorado's Scenic and Historic Byways
Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado (Photo: Oleksandr Buzko/Alamy)

There’s nothing like the iconic Rocky Mountains, and there’s no better place to see wildlife (from bears to wildcats) and fairytale scenery along winding mountain roads (sans guardrails). To take in the best of the best, check out the Colorado River Headwaters Scenic Byway. Begin on U.S. Highway 34 in Grand Lake and follow the Colorado River south through several small towns — talk about something straight out of an old-timey Western! After several hours, head down State Highway 1 to take in the incredible view of the rugged Upper Gore Canyon along a portion of the highway locally known as Trough Road. The Trail Ridge Road Scenic Byway (U.S. Highway 34) runs through Rocky Mountain National Park, world-famous for sweeping vistas of crags and valleys. Trail Ridge Road is the highest road in the United States that is paved for its entire length; much of the drive is above the tree line, so you’re likely to see marmots, bighorn sheep, and moose. After a couple of days on the road, end your trip at Winter Park Resort for world-class mountain biking and hiking before holding your breath as you drive back down a steep mountain pass.

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South Carolina’s BBQ Trail
Let your appetite be your guide. You have not done barbecue until you’ve done barbecue this way. Why? Not only is South Carolina the birthplace of barbecue, but it’s the only state to feature the official four barbecue sauces — mustard, vinegar and pepper, light tomato, and heavy tomato. The South Carolina BBQ Trail Map, segmented by region and listing almost 250 barbecue joints, will guide you through the Palmetto State. Customize your road trip to find the best picks — like Hite’s Bar-B-Que, Ronnie’s Ribs, Carolina Barbecue, or Q2U BBQ Pit — whether you’re traveling through the mountains, the midlands, or the coast. It should be on every foodie’s bucket list.

Alaska’s Seward Highway
Tremendous wildlife-spotting and glacier views set this road trip apart from all others. Head outside of Anchorage and drive along Turnagain Arm, a shallow inlet where you can often catch the amazing sight of resident beluga whales close to shore as they follow salmon, hooligan, and other fish heading for tributary creeks and streams. Driving south, you’ll follow the Chugach Mountains, home to moose, Dall sheep, and bald eagles. Pullouts along the route are perfect for wildlife-viewing stops, and numerous trailheads dot the roadside for those ready to explore a little farther on foot. As you reach the end of Turnagain Arm, you’ll come upon countless alpine glaciers — more than 50 in the surrounding mountains alone, with some accessible by foot or boat. Take the opportunity to explore the wondrous terrain: Byron Glacier is a popular day hike, and popular boat trips to Portage Glacier provide ideal glacier viewing. A short, 30-minute boat trip puts travelers in full view of glacier ice crashing into Portage Lake.

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