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Mr. Richard and Mrs. Katherine Berry
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Berry:

Thank you for your letters of January 26, 2007, concerning the proposals to construct liquefied natural gas (LNG) receiving terminals along the shores of Passamaquoddy Bay. The Offices of my colleagues, the Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable David L. Emerson, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Pacific Gateway and the Vancouver-Whistler Olympics and the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of Natural Resources, have also forwarded to me your correspondence on this issue. I regret the delay in replying to you.

The Government of Canada recognizes the concerns of Canadians with respect to the LNG projects. The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister, has stated clearly that the Canadian government opposes LNG tanker traffic through Head Harbour Passage. The Canadian government has informed the U.S. government and the project proponents that it will not permit LNG tankers to pass through Head Harbour Passage.


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The Government of Canada's decision is based in part on a review conducted by Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, in partnership with Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Transport Canada, of the impacts on Canada of the proposed LNG terminals along the shores of Passamaquoddy Bay, specifically the environmental, navigational and safety risks of LNG tanker traffic through Head Harbour Passage. The results of this review will soon be released.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and share your concerns.

Sincerely,



Peter G. MacKay

c.c. The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable David L. Emerson, P.C., M.P.