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Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Dear Mr. Prime Minister:

Although I am not a Canadian citizen, I am taking the liberty of writing this letter as a tax paying property owner on Campobello and one who has spent much of my career dealing with the health consequences of natural and human caused disasters. I want to thank you for your early, visible, unambiguous, and sustained opposition to the development of LNG import facilities in the Passamaquoddy Bay area.

At the same time, I want to encourage you to take definitive and proactive legislative or regulatory action to prohibit these ships for transiting Head Harbor Passage. I fear that both the U.S Government (especially the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and the project developers will become emboldened in the absence of rapid and decisive *action*. I expect that they have, and will continue to, interpret the lack of action as a lack of resolve and/or ambivalence.

While there are many good reasons to oppose these facilities, I have focused my concerns on the potentially devastating impact of LNG on the public's health and safety. I am a former Rear Admiral/Assistant Surgeon General in the U.S. Public Health Service. I've seen enough death, pain, and loss. This is a unique opportunity to prevent a disaster. Since the LNG proposals began, I have been actively supporting those in opposition on both sides of the border.

In the absence of action on the part of the government of Canada *prior* to the completion of the application process, a preventative opportunity will be lost. There is little doubt that the strategy of the U.S. Government is to approve as many sites as possible and let the market determine which ones move to completion. If this issue has to be dealt with *after* an approval, the escalation of tensions between governments will be inevitable and the government of Canada, and all those who oppose this development, will be engaged in a prolonged, expensive, divisive, and fundamentally preventable legal battle.

Thank you again for your clear and consistent stance in protecting this precious resource and for your actions to protect the public's health and safety.

Sincerely,

Brian W. Flynn