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Ms. Emma Rodvien
Coordinator, Energy Facility Siting Board
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Sea 3 Providence, LLC Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Ms. Rodvien and Members of the Energy Facility Siting Board:

As a Providence City Councilor and an environmental advocate, I am writing to express my opposition to Sea 3 Providence LLC's (the applicant's) petition for a Declaratory Order from the Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) to allow for the import of Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) by rail. I ask that the EFSB deny the applicant's request for a Declaratory Order.

The applicant's development plans include the addition of six 90,000 pound LPG tanks, to be shipped by rail to the site. The Port of Providence and the south side of Providence already face significant environmental and public health threats due to industrial operations in the area. This proposal would only further endanger the local ecosystem and health outcomes for nearby residents.

Inviting more diesel truck traffic and allowing more LPG to be present in the area would perpetuate existing long-term public health issues including childhood asthma and low air quality in South Providence. Additionally, these plans would increase the risk of incidents like fires, derailments, or explosions, all of which have occurred recently in the same industrial area as the applicant's proposed expansion.

In addition to the immediate consequences which will negatively affect the local community, the applicant's proposal contradicts citywide environmental goals. As the state of Rhode Island is particularly at risk to the economic, ecological, and human costs of climate change, we must prioritize sustainable development.

I respectfully request that the EFSB deny the applicant's request for a Declaratory Order, as this proposal represents a significant threat to the environment and to the public health, safety, and welfare of Providence residents and neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David A. Salvatore
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