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The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
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Re: DEC REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR LPG STORAGE BY CRESTWOOD EQUITY PARTNERS

Dear Governor Cuomo:

As you are aware, Finger Lakes LPG Storage LLC, a subsidiary of Crestwood Equity Partners, a Texas based gas company, petitioned New York State several years ago to allow it to store liquid petroleum gas (LPG) in salt caverns near Watkins Glen, along the shores of Seneca Lake. From the beginning there has been significant local grassroots opposition to storing LPG at this site. Last year, our Union weighed in. The 1199 SEIU Executive Committee unanimously passed the attached resolution requesting that the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) deny the permits necessary for Crestwood/ Finger Lakes to operate an LPG storage facility in this area. We took this position because of our commitment as an organization to climate justice. We represent thousands of members in the Finger Lakes region, working at hospitals and nursing homes throughout the area. Our members, their families and their neighbors get their drinking water from the lakes. We do not believe that the storage of LPG on the edge of these waters is good for anyone. Even though Crestwood has now revised its application and scope of the project, the risks are still too many and the consequence of accident are too great. Fresh water, New York's most important resource, should in no way be put in jeopardy by gas storage projects such as the one proposed by Crestwood/ Finger Lakes. In addition, the industrialization of this the southeast corner of Seneca Lake would be a threat to the local tourist and wine industries that have flourished in recent years creating hundreds of new jobs.

Under your administration, New York State has taken dramatic steps to move away from reliance on fossil fuels and toward clean energy. Our Union has supported these efforts. As healthcare workers who are pledged to advance the health of the

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communities in which we work, we believe expanding the storage of LPG in the Finger Lakes is a step backward from the path that we have been on together promoting a greener New York.

To date, the DEC has not taken action on this matter. By way of this letter, 1199 SEIU is reaffirming our opposition to the proposed storage of LPG by Crestwood/Finger Lakes and restating our call for the DEC to reject the company's application for operating permits.

We appreciate your attention to this issue and your commitment to protecting the environment of New York State.

Sincerely,

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