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Dear Mr. McClendon:

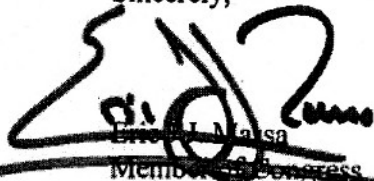
I write you today in regards to an issue of great concern to me and the constituents of my District in New York. Recently, I learned of a Chesapeake Energy Corp. disposal facility proposal in the Town of Pulteney in the Finger Lakes Region so I would like to request a meeting with you to further discuss the matter.

The proposed site lies roughly half a mile from one of the area's most prominent local attractions – Keuka Lake. This lake is surrounded by several communities, including Pulteney, that thrive mostly on tourism and agriculture, both of which rely on the region's clean water supplies. With the development of the Marcellus Shale and the arising health concerns over hydraulic fracturing, the importance of protecting this resource has become a central issue in Western New York.

I understand that the proposed facility would be used to store resurfaced fluids from the hydraulic fracturing process. Given the dangerous composition of these fluids, the proximity of Keuka Lake to the proposed site, the heavy chemical hauling demands, and the potential for endangering this invaluable water resource, I ask that Chesapeake withdraw their proposal for this operation.

To discuss this in further detail and to give you an opportunity to present your views, I would like to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



ERIC J.J. MASSA
Member of Congress

Cc: Tom Price, Jr.
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February 2, 2010

The Honorable Eric J. J. Massa
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Massa:

I appreciate your recent letter to me wherein you raised two issues for us to address. I am pleased to address these issues with you in this letter.

Let me begin by clearly stating to you that we at Chesapeake Energy Corporation share your desire for responsible stewardship of our environment. We take our responsibility to protect the environment with the utmost seriousness. Every day we strive to do our best to protect the environment from any harm. When you consider the scope and scale of the operations of our company, drilling literally tens of thousands of wells the past 20 years, we have a remarkable record of responsible drilling even in some of the most eco-sensitive areas in the country.

We have invested billions of dollars in the Marcellus Shale to drill for natural gas to help our nation reduce its dependency on foreign energy sources and stop the irresponsible and unsustainable transfer of wealth out of the country which currently averages approximately \$25 billion a month. That is capital that our nation could use for health care, education or economic stimulus. Yet today right here in America, and in fact in your home state of New York, the Marcellus Shale has the real potential to play a key role in helping our country solve a multitude of economic and environmental problems – and to do it now, not later. Without question, natural gas exploration and production in New York can create thousands of much-needed well-paying jobs and spark the state's economy helping to address the \$7.4 billion hole in the state's budget.

Just over New York's southern border, you can witness first-hand the expansion of an area where Marcellus Shale development is having a profound impact on the regional economy. In early 2008, Chesapeake employed no one in Pennsylvania, but by early 2009, we employed 220 Pennsylvania residents. Today, our direct employment has grown to almost 900 and our contract labor force is in the thousands. This drilling activity is providing high-quality jobs with excellent compensation and full health care benefits to thousands of families during today's tough economic times.

