

# TOWN OF NORTH HAVEN

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The Honorable J. Bruce Probert  
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The Honorable Mark Bradstreet  
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The Honorable Brian Callahan  
Member

The Honorable Cynthia Gallant  
Alternate

Re: Proposed DCP Midstream LPG Tank and Terminal at Mack Point

Dear Searsport Planning Board:

We are writing to endorse and echo the concerns raised by our fellow Selectmen on Islesboro about the probable impact of the proposed DCP Midstream LPG Tank. The safety concern alone is staggering and we are deeply troubled to think that responsible regulatory agencies have allowed this project to proceed even to this point.

The creation of twelve full time jobs in only one municipality seems to be a very small benefit for the potential, in fact probable, negative economic impact on the entire regional tourism and fishing industries. The burden but not the benefit of a project so disproportionate in scale will fall on all of the towns, counties and residents of the Midcoast.


As residents of an island, we view the maintenance of our 'highway' to the mainland, the Maine State Ferry Service, as of paramount importance. Tanker traffic and possible tanker accidents loom as threats to the ferry service.


We ask you at a minimum to incorporate our concerns, as well as those of the rest of the Midcoast, in the permit review process. We hope that at the end of this process you will conclude that the benefits even to Searsport are too meager and the costs too high and you will act on the realization that all of us in the Midcoast are dependent on one another.


Sincerely,

  
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Vice Chair

  
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