



February 28, 2013

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

S.1119 (Maziarz)/A.4202 (Camara)

AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to amending the liquefied natural and petroleum gas act to exempt the storage and transportation of small quantities of liquefied natural gas

On behalf of our 2,000 employer members, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership urges support for S.1119/A.4202 given that amending the environmental conservation law, in relation to the to the exemption of "the storage and transportation of small quantities of Liquefied Natural Gas" will provide an affordable and cleaner fuel alternative for New York's vibrant transportation industry.

Natural gas is not only more cost effective and clean burning than traditional fuels, the physical and chemical characteristics of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), such as flammability limit, auto-ignition temperature, vaporization rate and weight, make it no more dangerous, and in many cases less so, than other commonly stored and transported fuels like gasoline, diesel fuel and propane. Extremely favorable operating experiences at over 100 LNG facilities across the country further supports the assertion of LNG's safety in comparison to conventional fuels.

Most importantly, this legislation represents the first step in the implementation of infrastructure that will enable large trucking fleets – private and public – to begin the conversion of vehicle fleets to LNG thus, allowing fleet operators the opportunity to reap critical economic and environmental benefits.

Beyond this legislation's ability to allow for the use of this viable fuel alternative, it will necessitate the dispensing and storage of LNG which will in turn spur the creation of thousands of jobs – from construction jobs and station operator jobs to manufacturing jobs as firms across New York State work to support these newly developed infrastructure needs.

Given that LNG is an increasingly important energy source for not only New York State but the nation as a whole, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership urges you to support the passage of this legislation.