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SUPPORT: LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION (S.119A(MAZIARZ)/A.4202(CAMARA))

MACNY SUPPORTS S.119A/A.4202, A BILL THAT WOULD EXEMPT THE STORAGE AND SMALL QUANTITIES OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS (WITH REGULATION), TO ALLOW FOR AN AFFORDABLE AND CLEANER FUEL ALTERNATIVE FOR NEW YORK'S TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY, AND PROVIDING THE STATE WITH MUCH NEEDED ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

Summary

Liquefied natural gas (LNG) is a domestic fuel that is increasingly used in the trucking industry, and considered to be cleaner, less expensive alternative to diesel. In fact, every day, including New York, LNG is transported used and stored safely in storage facilities.

Currently, New York is the only State that of which has a moratorium on the transportation of LNG in intrastate commerce. Therefore, LNG can be used in New York and stored in New York, but currently it can only be transported in New York if it is part of intrastate commerce.

Issue

S.119-A exempts the storage and transportation of LNG, provided that all activities conform to federal, regulations and

codes administered by the National Fire Protection Association, in order to facilitate LNG fueling and the use of LNG as an alternative to diesel fuel for heavy duty trucking. Current state law does not permit LNG to be used as a transportation fuel. This legislation represents the first step towards establishing an LNG refueling infrastructure, and also does so without requiring any taxpayer dollars.

Conclusion

During such difficult economic times, it is critical to look into possibly antiquated legislation or regulations, and best determine whether a change in policy would not only effective, but an economic boost. Natural gas vehicles provide a safe al

ternative with a proven track record. They run quietly than their diesel counterparts, and provide a sustainable, reliable and domestically-produced energy source that could help reduce our dependency on petroleum imports. Therefore, MACNY supports this legislation.

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