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Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III  
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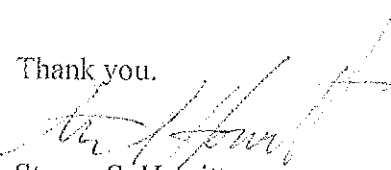
Dear Congressman Kennedy,

As the Representative of the 4<sup>th</sup> Bristol District, I am writing to you expressing my concerns regarding the Spectra Gas Compressor Project proposed for the Town of Rehoboth. I have been in phone contact in the past with your local office on this matter as well. While I have received correspondence from Rehoboth residents and businesses in favor of this project and the possibilities of providing lower cost gas for electric generation which would hopefully translate into lower cost electricity rates, I have also received significant correspondence from Rehoboth residents who have organized and are against this project.

I was against the proposed tax on this project, signing onto a letter to the Speaker of the House as well as a letter to the Energy Bill conference committee to let them know that I was against including any tax in that bill. It was not included and as you are probably aware, this proposed tax was nullified by a ruling of the SJC.

Since this is an interstate project and therefore a federal issue with its proposed application for this compressor station in the hands of FERC, I am asking what actions you are planning to take with regard to this project?

Thank you.

  
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cc: Senator Edward Markey  
Senator Elizabeth Warren