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Dear Board Members and Staff,

I am writing to you today on behalf of Liberty Science Center. As you may be aware, Liberty Science Center is a 300,000-square-foot learning center located in Liberty State Park on the Jersey City bank of the Hudson, near the Statue of Liberty. The Center, which first opened in 1993 as New Jersey's first major state science museum, now houses 12 museum exhibition halls, a live animal collection with 110 species, giant aquariums, a 3D theater, live simulcast surgeries, hurricane- and tornado-force wind simulators, K-12 classrooms and labs, teacher-development programs, and the Western Hemisphere's biggest planetarium—the Jennifer Chalsty Planetarium and LSC Giant Dome Theater. More than 750,000 students, teachers, and parents visit Liberty Science Center each year.

Liberty Science Center is predicated on a foundation of understanding the past and positioning today's learners (of all ages) toward a brighter future. As a core of that, we want to pursue being energy efficient and ensure that the state is also moving towards that direction as well. With that in mind, we support the Energy Master Plan and look forward to its implementation to allow businesses to become more energy efficient, mindful of the energy and carbon footprint we are leaving behind, and preparing our state to be successful in an evolving future and changing needs. We are also aware of successful programs run by utility organizations, such as PSE&G; and while we have not participated in the past, we anxiously look forward to a time when we can partner with them to achieve optimal energy efficiency results for Liberty Science Center. We recognize the benefits of a statewide energy master plan both at a macro level for all state constituents—residents and businesses alike—but on a micro level, we want to be a part of that future and are acutely aware that being energy efficient is a core component of securing energy savings and being a state leader; and we have already had preliminary discussions with PSE&G to learn how we can be more efficient going forward and are confident in their knowledge and ability to implement a statewide program.

On behalf of Liberty Science Center, I reiterate my support of the Energy Master Plan proposal and the role of the utility in managing this program and urge the Board of Public Utilities to look favorably upon this proposal.

Thank you for your time and consideration and the opportunity to share our support.

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